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# IT IS IMPORTANT . . .

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



A Will is important. But why? And what is a Will, anyway? A Will is an instrument by which you provide for the disposition of your property after your death. It is the one sure way in which the law provides that you may dispose of your property after this life.

What happens if there is no Will? Many times the person's property is disposed of in a way that may not have been his way had he directed it. If there is no Will the court will see to the distribution and disposition of your property in strict accordance with appropriate law. The law must be rigid and gives no consideration to the needs or circumstances of individual heirs—or to interests and activities of the deceased during his lifetime. Further, in the case of no Will, the court, under the law, will

designate who may administer the estate.

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The drafting of a Will is the job of an expert. Your attorney is an expert in this field. Through study, training, and experience he has acquired the skill required in this field. He is your best source of assistance in drafting or changing your Will.

By placing the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will, your influence can be projected beyond your lifetime; and you can be a blessing to thousands of boys and girls who will benefit by the ministry of Christian Endeavor.

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## Coming Events

### May

**1-2—New Jersey Dungaree Conference, Camp Matolionequay, Medford Lakes**

Contact: Doris Robertson, 1102 Eldridge Avenue, West Collingswood, New Jersey 08107

**9—Ontario Junior Christian Endeavor Convention, Toronto**

Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

**29-31—New York State Christian Endeavor Convention, Binghamton**

Contact: Mildred A. L. Christgau, 60-77 63th Avenue, Brooklyn 11227

### June

**11-13—Ohio Christian Endeavor Convention, Dayton**

Contact: Cecil A. Jeffery, 1023 Bernhard Road, Columbus 43227

**12-14—Illinois Christian Endeavor Convention, Bloomington**

Contact: Veva C. Steen, 2104 East Adams, Springfield 62703

## COVER CLUES

The Rt. Rev. I. R. H. Gnanadason, Bishop of Kanyakumari Diocese and India Union president, welcomes Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, to Nargacoil during his visit to India in February as part of his Around-the-World tour. More photos on Page 6.



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# The Albert H. Diebold Awards

## MEET THE 1964 WINNERS

The winning individuals and societies in Christian Endeavor's 1964 Citizenship Awards Program will be honored during the International Summer Assembly in Westerville, Ohio, according to announcement by Rev. Christian A. Freire, citizenship director of the International Society.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the winners on Monday night, July 6, at the mass rally which opens the Assembly. Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, will speak. Following the session the local Franklin County Union will be hosts for an informal reception.

In the Awards Program individual winners entered an article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries were judged on the way in which they

implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and provided a Christian witness to the community. The entries had to be developed, written, or released after May 31, 1963. Each winning individual will receive a cash award as shown, plus a special award emblem. Honor certificates will be presented to all other qualified entrants.

Society winners sponsored and reported a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after May 31, 1963. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implemented the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community. Each of the winning societies will receive an attractive plaque, in addition to cash awards as shown. Other qualified entrants will receive honor certificates.

### FIRST AWARD - INDIVIDUALS

**\$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of attending the International Summer Assembly**

MARGARET JEAN LESEIKO, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

For her letter to the editor *Christian Citizenship*

Margaret Leseiko is 15 years old and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Ambridge. Her letter on *Christian Citizenship* appeared on the editorial page of the January 30, 1964, issue of the BEAVER COUNTY TIMES. Here are some excerpts.

*Christian citizens possess the key that will open the door to the world's happiness. Jesus Christ is that key. \* \* \* Each American has a duty to perform for his country. We should love his country, support the*

*Constitution, obey its laws, respect its flag, and defend it against all enemies. \* \* \* I, as a young American, growing up in this most beautiful country, want so to guard the principle for which it stands that each night my prayer is that we may seek and find our security, not in the force of arms, but through prayer and perfect love. \* \* \* God needs all of us to carry on His work. He has given us different talents and abilities, likes and dislikes. He expects us to use these talents in His service.*



### FIRST AWARD - SOCIETIES

**\$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the International Summer Assembly**

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY  
United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio

For its project *Our Senior Christian Endeavor is A-C-T-I-V-E*

This group of 14 active members adopted a project on November 3 aimed at giving service to their fellow man in any way possible. A total of 1,050 persons were served in some way. Under the leadership of the project chairman, Jane Clippinger, the group planned these activities based on the slogan *Our Senior Christian Endeavor is A-C-T-I-V-E*:

- A — *Attending church activities* — 89% attendance was recorded in local church, area Presbyterian youth, and district Christian Endeavor activities
- C — *Concerned for the community* — Christmas caroling, clean-up campaign, gifts for

- shut-ins, and transportation service
  - T — *Talented* — sang in church choirs; presented program at Dorothy Love Home in Sidney
  - I — *Interested in Peace* — sponsored local Prince of Peace contest; contacted their men in military service
  - V — *Voter conscious* — distributed over 900 non-partisan sample ballots in a get-out-the-vote campaign
  - E — *Eager to help* — held a work day at the church
- Conrad Clippinger II is society president, with Rev. Clair E. Beatty minister.



SENDING hymnbooks was just one of the many service projects carried out by Covington (Ohio) Endeavorers as part of their winning citizenship activity.





JUDGES reviewing individual entries are (left to right) Frances M. Becker, Dr. Daniel K. Poling, and Jay Sheffield.

# INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

## SECOND AWARD — \$125 in cash

TRUDY RAYE NOLL

Martinsburg, West Virginia

For her talk *One Nation Under God—It's Up to Us!*



Miss Noll, who is 17, is active at Tuscarora Presbyterian Church. She also serves as CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD Representative for the West Virginia Union. Her talk won for her the opportunity to represent her society in the state Oratorical Contest June 24 during the West Virginia

Christian Endeavor Convention at Warwood, where she again won first place.

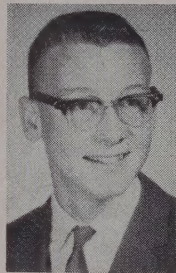
*We can serve God by our participation in the government, but we must not let the State assume the place of God; for we must keep Him foremost in our lives if we are to increase in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man.*

## THIRD AWARD — \$75 in cash

CONRAD K. CLIPPINGER II

Covington, Ohio

For his talk *We Are the Future—What Are We Waiting for?*



Mr. Clippinger, 16 years of age, is president of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society at Covington United Presbyterian Church. He gave his talk before the youth of his church and the Congregational Church on January 26.

*Great are the needs of Christian service in the church, and in the*

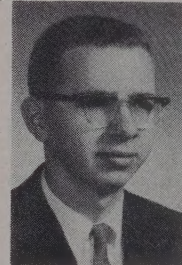
*world. \* \* \* We ask ourselves, "As Christians, seeking to continue the influence and principles of our faith, what can we do?" But rather, we must ask ourselves, "What can't we do?" As Christian young people there is no limit to what we must, what we can, and what we will accomplish.*

## FOURTH AWARD — \$50 in cash

JOHN MCCULLOUGH

Toronto, Ontario

For his talk *Spirits and the Spirituality*



Mr. McCullough, 20 years old, is assistant citizen director for the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Covington United Presbyterian Church. His talk was given to young people's meeting on January 1.

*If the church is ready to take a stand but only to quietly suggest*

*not drink, how does it expect young people to become abstainers? \* \* \* God has made us stewards of our time. We are responsible to God for what we do with our time. We spend our time bringing others into the Kingdom of God or driving them far from it with our use of alcohol?*

## RUNNERS-UP — \$25 each in cash (listed alphabetically)

KENNETH M. ANDERSON, JR.

Washington, D.C.

For his talk *Overcome Fear with Self-Confidence*

Mr. Anderson, who is 22 years old, is vice-president of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society at Third Baptist Church and teaches in the Sunday school. He presented his talk before the society on January 26 and at a Golden Rule Union program on January 27 in his church.

PHILIP C. BREWER

Lakeland, Florida

For his cartoon and lecture *What Is Christian Citizenship?*

Mr. Brewer, who is 21, exhibited his cartoon and gave an explanatory lecture on January 21 to the faculty and students of South

Eastern Bible College where he is a member of the Class of 1964. He also presented this material on December 27 to the members of First Pentecostal Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he is a member.

WYNETTE DALE

Dallas, Texas

For her editorial in Dallas District ECHO

At Bruton Road Christian Church, Miss Dale is president of the Senior High Society. She is 16 years old. Her editorial appeared in the December issue of ECHO, which she edits for the Dallas District Christian Endeavor Union.

BARBARA KAY STURGEON

Klamath Falls, Oregon

For her talk *What Is Christian Citizenship?*

At First Christian Church Miss Sturgeon, who is 16, is a member of the high school class and chairman of the Devotional Committee for the Christian Endeavor Society. She gave her speech twice on February 2 at her church—as a part of the annual speech contest in the afternoon (she was one of the three finalists) and at the evening service.

LINDA KAY VROEGH

Knoxville, Iowa

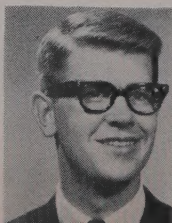
For her poster *The Choice*

Miss Vroegh's poster was displayed in the foyer of First Reformed Church for a week in January. She is 15 years old and assistant secretary-treasurer of the Youth Fellowship. She prepared a duplicate poster to remain in the church when the original was entered in the Awards Program.

Kenneth Anderson



Philip Brewer



Wynette Dale



Barbara Sturgeon



Linda Kay Vroegh





# SOCIETY WINNERS

## SECOND AWARD — \$150 in cash

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania

for its *Project Service*, including a variety of activities

where were 34 present when the community-centered, Christ-centered "Project Service" as launched July 18 around a campfire. Activities included two citizenship topics in August on prejudice and race relations, followed by a visit from Rafael Correa of Colombia; community panel discussion September 29 on Bible reading and prayer in the public schools; worship services conducted in a rest home each month; participation in Pennsylvania Union's floating work for sailors; a youth film program December 1; Christmas caroling at a shopping center and to the aged and shut-ins; setting up a creche in front of the church; a window display during Christian Endeavor Week; and talks on Christian citizenship February 2. Raymond Bartholomew is advisor.

## THIRD AWARD — \$100 in cash

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Olivet Christian Church, Newport News, Virginia

for its community youth rally *What Is Christian Citizenship?*

These youth spearheaded an interdenominational community rally November 23 at Denbigh Elementary School. Planning began August 19. Youth from nine neighboring churches served on committees and attended the meeting; support was also given by the Denbigh-Stanley Civic League and Warwick Ruritan Club. Speakers at the citizenship rally were a councilman, a doctor, and a judge. Mrs. A. W. Wood, Jr., is adult leader.

## FOURTH AWARD — \$75 in cash

SENIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan

for its Christmas project *Remembering the Forgotten*

this group, with an average attendance of 12, decided to remember the forgotten through gifts and song at Christmas. They gave programs for senior citizens at a local home and for a group of men at the state hospital. They also collected, sorted, and gift-wrapped 130 pieces of jewelry, 320 ties, and a number of toys which were used in the county's "Operation Gifts." Karen Stapert is president.

## RUNNERS-UP — \$25 each in cash

(listed alphabetically by state or province)

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Bark Hill Church of God

Union Bridge, Maryland

for its float *I Can Do All Things*

*Through Christ*

COMFORTER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Reformed Church of Comforter

Kingston, New York

for its series of eleven citizenship

activities

HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Stevensville United Brethren

in Christ Church

Stevensville, Ontario

For its project with Italian immigrants

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

Cooke's Presbyterian Church

Toronto, Ontario

For its distribution of food and clothing to the needy

SENIOR HIGH

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

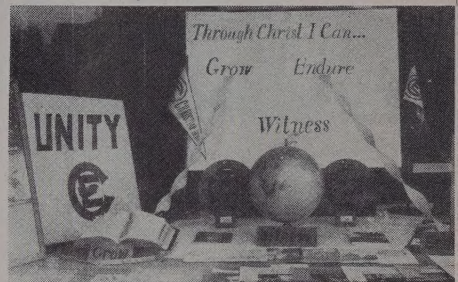
Paul's Union Church

LaMarque, Texas

For its citizenship banquet *The Sickles or the Cross*



DISCUSSING society projects with Citizenship Director Christian A. Tirre are (left to right) William F. Brown, Harold W. Carlisle, and Delno W. Brown, the judges.



A WINDOW DISPLAY by Mercer (Pennsylvania) youth was one of many activities included in their project.

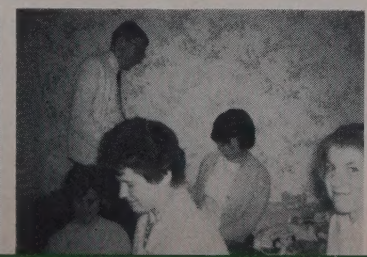


A SKIT on "How to Be a Christian Citizen" was given by Lee Hall Baptist young people at the Newport News (Virginia) citizenship rally.



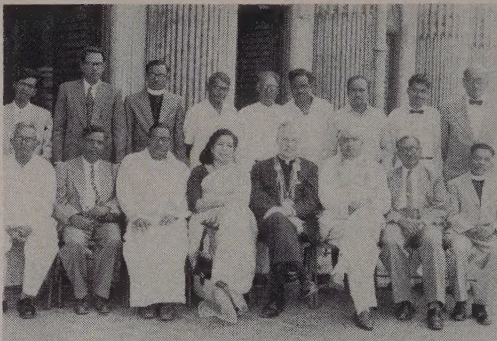
KALAMAZOO (Michigan) Endeavorers wrapped Christmas gifts for the forgotten.

THIS FLOAT (left) won several awards for Union Bridge (Maryland) youth. Thanksgiving baskets (left center) delivered by these Kingston (New York) young people represented just one of their eleven projects. Repairing clothing (right center) donated for the needy was an activity of Toronto (Ontario) Endeavorers. Six Texas youth (right) spoke on the dangers of Communism at the banquet sponsored by LaMarque society.



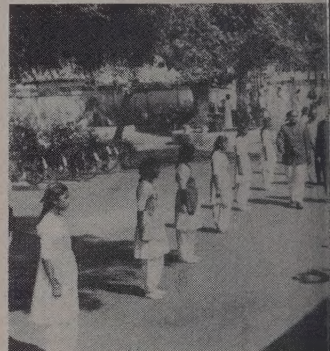


# President Meadows Visits India . . .



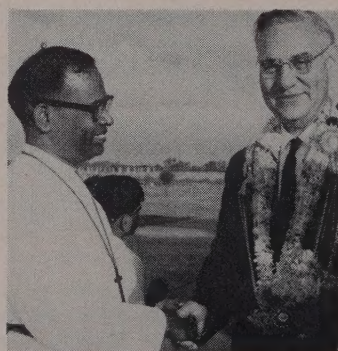
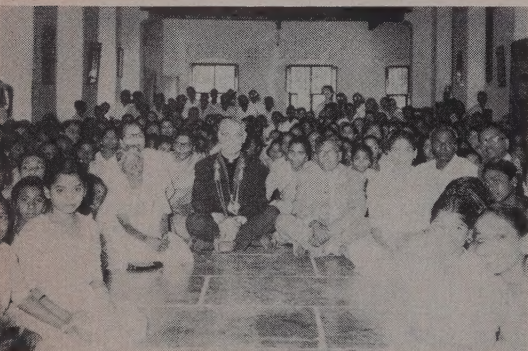
**1500 miles by  
plane, train,  
and Landrover**

From arrival February 9 at Madras (left) to departure a week later, Bishop Clyde Meadows had a full schedule, speaking in 13 places throughout South India plus messages at 12 airports, train stations, or roadside stops. For the closing Madras rally (center) leaders included Dr. P. V. Cherian, Madras Legislative Council chairman, (seated third from right) and Rev. E. Tychicus (seated third from left). The first meeting (right) was a rally of American Advent Mission societies at Guindy, where he learned how to eat a plantain leaf.



**Processions,  
a "march past,"  
and salutes**

A new experience honoring the World's Union president was the "march past" by students of the Senior Approved School at Ranipet, led by an Indian band (left). Typical of the welcome given to Bishop Meadows was this greeting at Sholinghur (center). Addresses of welcome, printed on silk cloth, were read and presented. Leading the procession in Vellore (right) with Bishop Meadows are K. Isaacs, headmaster of Voorhees High School and the leader of the student body. The N.C.C. and A.C.C. Cadets form a guard of honor.



**Demonstrations,  
garlands, and  
airport meetings**

Enjoying the demonstration (left) by Junior Endevorsers at Sherman Girls School, Chittoor, with Bishop Meadows is Rev. James D. Isaac, India's traveling secretary. At Trichy airport (center) Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy, who visited in the United States several years ago, greets Bishop Meadows, who wears one of the many garlands presented to him. These were made of flowers (lily, jasmine, rose, etc.) or of lace, sandalwood, cloves, and spices. The government gave special permission for airport meetings such as this at Coimbatore (right).



# NEWS AND VIEWS

FRIENDS of Rev. and Mrs. Penn H. Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, will be saddened to learn of her death on December 26, followed by his death on February 4.



HEADING the California Christian Endeavor Union is John C. Jones of Lebec. Mr. Jones is office manager of the Tejon Ranch Company. He and his wife, Arlene, have both served as president of the

Central County Union. They have two children, Greg and Connie, and are active at Valley Christian Church in Bakersfield where he is treasurer, choir director, and chairman of the elders.



TAPING a radio program to be presented on several Houston (Texas) radio stations on February 2 are these eleven Endeavorers from Second Christian and Berean Christian Church, who worked under the direction of Carl Henderson. This was just one of the Harris County Union activities for birthday week.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEADERS meeting in the Jones Room at Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, March 13-14, include the International Society Finance Committee (left) under the chairmanship of Dr. Allan J. Blair, and the Executive Committee, guided by president Arch J. McQuilkin.

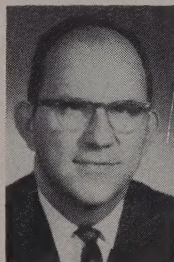


GUEST SPEAKER of the Christian Endeavor Week banquet in Washougal Bethel Congregational Church of Washougal, Washington, was Rev. Robert Hess of California. Program participants at the head table included (left to right) Verne Blackwell, song leader; Dorothy Newby, pianist; Bernard Newby, toastmaster; Mr. Hess; Mabel I. Baldwin, regional vice-president for Washington State Union; Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary of Oregon Union; and Mrs. Etta V. Berger, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Pacific Region.

• OUTDOOR POSTER companies which participated in the 1964 Christian Endeavor Program in addition to those listed in the March issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD include the Hale Poster Advertising Company of Iron Mountain, Michigan, the Hartman Poster Advertising Company of Stanton, Michigan, and the Yakima Valley Poster Service, Yakima, Washington.

• CHICKENS FOR THE CONGO — 360 of them—are on their way as a result of Mt. Hood (Oregon) Union's project. Missionary chairman Marilyn Gholston reports this activity began at a rally October 27 and ended January 12. Interest was spurred by a contest with a chicken dinner for the winning society, the losers providing the chicken. A total of \$90 was raised.

• PACIFIC REGION leaders from Washington State, Oregon, and California, met in Portland February 8 to share ideas. Next year's Pacific Regional Conference, reports Mrs. Etta V. Berger, vice-president, is scheduled for February 13 in Portland.



REV. MYRON H. WESTON, pastor of Ensley Community Church near Birmingham, heads the Alabama Christian Endeavor Union. A former California union officer, he met his wife, Peggy,

through Christian Endeavor. They have one son, Stephen.

PRESIDENT of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union is Mildred A. L. Christgau of Brooklyn. She is supervisor of the Collection Department of the Great American Insurance Company. At Ridgewood Presbyterian Church she teaches the Teachers' Training Class and is advisor for the High School society, vice-president of Westminster Guild, and sings in the choir.







Waikiki Beach  
and Diamond Head

## Pacific Area Conference August 6-9 in Honolulu

Delegates from unions in Area I of the World's Christian Endeavor Union will gather in Hawaii for the 4th Pacific Area Conference next August. Endeavorers are expected from the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, and other countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean.

Theme of the conference is "Jesus Christ . . . the Way." Program personalities include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president; Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; and George H. Nelson of Australia, a World's Union vice-president.

Registration fee of \$9 for all delegates outside Hawaii includes two luncheons and luau. Fee for Hawaii delegates is \$7.

The Hawaiian Fellowship Tour August 1-21, directed by Harold E. Westerhoff, will tour five of the Islands. Mr. Westerhoff is general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union.

## 1964 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Major emphases of the sessions, which will be held on the campus of Otterbein College, are Christian citizenship, evangelism, intensive Bible study, and Christian Endeavor leadership training. Program features include personal Quiet Hour periods, Bible classes and discussion groups, chapel and vesper services, recreation and informal sessions, and group demonstrations.

Outstanding leaders who will participate in the Assembly include Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, who will speak at a mass meeting on the opening night. Winners in the twelfth annual Citizenship Awards Program will be honored at this session.

Ralph E. Robrahn, associate president of the International Society, will serve as song leader and will also direct the daily Quiet Hour period. This will be followed by Bible study led by Rev. Clair E. Beatty, minister of the United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio. Chapel services each morning will feature associate evangelists to Billy Graham. Each afternoon conferences on Christian citizenship will be led by Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk, associate pastor of First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan; on evangelism by Mr. McQuilkin; and on Christian Endeavor Essentials by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union.

## A whole week of study, training, and fellowship

Small discussion groups led by appointed students will meet daily following the Bible study and conference lectures, to make application of the presentation to the lives of Christian youth today.

Vesper speakers include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, on Tuesday; Joan Winmill Brown, stage, screen, and television actress who gave her life to Christ through the 1954 Billy Graham London Crusade, on Wednesday; and Mr. Vander Kolk on Thursday evening. Mr. Vander Kolk will also be in charge of recreation each afternoon. Special programs after vespers include a Talent

Time on Tuesday and informal interest areas on Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday evening group demonstration will be given by conference and discussion groups. The Assembly will close Saturday morning after a consecration service.

Sessions of the Youth Assembly are scheduled each day July 7-10 at 1:00 P.M. Official representatives of state and provincial unions and denominations will participate.

Cost of the Assembly is \$30, which includes registration, meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast, and dormitory housing. Use the form below to register.

July 6-11

Otterbein College  
Westerville, Ohio  
(near Columbus)

Total Cost: \$30.00

### International Summer Assembly — July 6-11, 1964 At Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio

Please reserve a place and register me for the International Summer Assembly. Here is \$10.00 payment which will apply on my \$30.00 fee (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfast and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday nights).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ C. E. Union \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this reservation form and \$10.00 to INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216



# 1964 SOCIETY HONOR ROLL



Societies and unions which have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1964 Society Roll Call during February and March are listed here. Each of these organizations has received an enrollment certificate. Those receiving a gold seal certificate have contributed \$50 or more. Red seals are used on certificates to those giving \$30, while blue seals represent a contribution of \$15.

Each group listed was also eligible to make a nomination in the 1964 Endeavorer of the Year selection. This is sponsored by the International Society to recognize outstanding youth and to encourage young people in their Christian witness. The winning Endeavorer, along with three runners-up, will be announced May 25.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

## Gold Seal

Alpha Alumni Council, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C.  
Board of Education, General Eldership of the Churches of God, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

## Red Seal

Intermediate, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois  
Junior-Intermediate, Chesterfield Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa  
Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio  
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania

## Blue Seal

Adult, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California  
Alumni Fellowship, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.  
Club, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.  
Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C.  
John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.  
Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.  
Third Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.  
Union Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.  
Adult, Haiku Protestant Church, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii  
Young People's, Kanaana Hou Congregational Church, Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii  
Niola Congregational Church, Kamuela, Hawaii  
Junior, First Reformed Church of Gano, Chicago, Illinois  
Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chicago Heights, Illinois  
United Brethren in Christ Church, Claytonville, Illinois  
Alumni Association of Vermilion County, Danville, Illinois  
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois  
Angamon County Union, Springfield, Illinois  
Senior Young People's, Third Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois  
Adult, Nuttman Avenue United Brethren in Christ, Decatur, Indiana  
Terrace Parke General Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana  
Junior, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana  
Junior High, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana  
College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana  
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Ashton, Iowa  
Youth Fellowship, American Reformed Church, Hull, Iowa  
Junior, Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa  
Senior General Baptist Church, Clay, Kentucky

Junior High, Brooklyn Park United Brethren Church, Baltimore, Maryland  
Junior and Senior, Locust Valley Church of God, Middletown, Maryland  
Carroll County Union, Westminster, Maryland  
High School, Eighth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Junior, Fourth Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan  
Junior-Intermediate, Hudsonville Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan  
Senior, Ottawa Reformed Church, West Olive, Michigan  
Youth Fellowship, Holland Reformed Church, Holland, Nebraska  
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Rea Avenue Reformed Church, Hawthorne, New Jersey  
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey  
Societies of The First Church of Evans, Derby, New York  
Westchester Alumni, Katonah, New York  
New Baltimore Reformed Church, New Baltimore, New York  
Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Staten Island, New York  
Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Bellaire, Ohio  
Bykota, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio  
Senior, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio  
Youth Fellowship, First United Presbyterian Church, Mingo Junction, Ohio  
Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio  
Somerville United Presbyterian Church, Somerville, Ohio  
Wren Circuit, United Brethren in Christ Church, Van Wert, Ohio  
Junior, Boulevard Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania  
Junior, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania  
High School, First Presbyterian Church, Baden, Pennsylvania  
Junior High, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
Senior, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
Senior, Central Methodist Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania  
Societies of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, East Greenville, Pennsylvania  
St. Jacob's Stone Church, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania  
Junior, Center United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania  
North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania  
St. Bartholomew's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania

St. David's Lutheran and Reformed Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania  
Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania  
Junior, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania  
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania  
Sandy Hollow Church of God, New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania  
Montgomery County Union, Palm, Pennsylvania  
Junior and Senior, Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm, Pennsylvania  
Societies of Disston Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Northwest Branch, Philadelphia Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
West Branch Junior, Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Service Club, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Young People's, Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania  
Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Youth Fellowship, Sandham Reformed Church, Marion, South Dakota  
Societies of Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas  
Dallas District Union, Dallas, Texas  
Senior, Berean Christian Church, Houston, Texas  
Societies of Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren Church, Churchville, Virginia  
Senior High, Mt. Olivet United Brethren in Christ Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia  
Young People's, Village Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia  
Blue Ridge District Union, Roanoke, Virginia  
Junior, Roseville United Brethren Church, Roseville, Ontario, Canada  
Senior, Roseville United Brethren Church, Roseville, Ontario, Canada  
Adult, New Dundee United Brethren Church, New Dundee, Ontario, Canada  
Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada  
Pleasant View, Jessopville United Church of Canada, Sherburne, Ontario, Canada  
Adult, Sherston United Brethren Church, Sherston, Ontario, Canada  
Senior, Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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# Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES



## THE SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

by Gordon McMorc

### Why a Society Business Meeting?

The success of a Christian Endeavor society depends upon the completeness of its program and the active participation of its members in all phases of the program. Things just don't happen in a good society. They are planned; and planning requires meetings—meetings of executives, meetings of committees, and meetings of the entire society membership. Meetings of the society which discuss and plan the society work or business are called, "Business Meetings."

It is of utmost importance that such meetings be held regularly, preferably monthly on a stated day. Do not try to sandwich items of business into other meetings of the society, particularly the Sunday evening meeting. It is not the proper place and if items of business are important enough to be considered, adequate time should be allowed for full discussion.

### Who Presides at the Meeting?

The society president should preside over the meeting. He to a large degree determines the success of the meeting by his ability to present the business at hand, to direct and stimulate discussion, and to keep the meeting moving smoothly. He should be a good parliamentarian. If he is not familiar with parliamentary procedure, he should secure one of the many abbreviated books written on this subject.

If the president is obliged to be absent, the vice-president or next officer present presides. Should no officer be present to preside, the secretary or any member should entertain a motion naming someone of the group present as the chairman for the meeting. Upon its adoption the person named in the motion assumes the chairmanship and presides over the meeting.

### The Business Meeting

All matters of interest to the society should be presented at the business meeting. If possible, all important items should first be discussed at a prior meeting of the officers or executive committee.

Have a complete docket for the meeting with enough carbon or mimeographed copies for every member present. Know the order of business and the things which are to be brought up for consideration. Have the docket adopted by motion at the beginning of the meeting to insure a smooth running session.

Insist upon written reports from all. This will control the amount of time consumed in giving reports, simplify the secretary's recording of them, and give permanency to the report. All records should contain: what has been done, what is being done, and what is to be done. To add interest to the meetings encourage novel reports. The element of surprise generates enthusiasm and the novel association helps the membership to remember the report.

### Conducting the Meeting

Without a common understanding of the procedure to be followed, there is likely to be confusion and ill-will. Parliamentary law is a system of procedure for conducting public business. Christian Endeavor society business meetings provide an excellent opportunity to learn to conduct a meeting. Such knowledge is invaluable in all areas of life today in the very complex human society in which we live.

Like Christian Endeavor, parliamentary law has four basic principles to be observed: 1. Justice and courtesy to all; 2. One thing at a time; 3. The rule of the majority; 4. The right of the minority. By keeping these principles in mind you will not go astray in any meeting.

When the hour for opening the Christian Endeavor society business meeting arrives, the president taps the table with gavel to get the attention of the group and says, "The meeting will now come to order. We will open with prayer by . . ." then proceeds with the order outlined in the docket.

### Order of Business

1. DEVOTIONS—(Ask the Lord's presence and seek His guidance.)
2. APPROVAL OF DOCKET
3. READING OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING—(Discussion and approval.)
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT—(Recording those present, absent, and excused.)
5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER—(Discussion and approval.)
6. ACTIVITY REPORTS—(All officers, working committees, special committees, and others; report may be accepted individually as presented or as a whole at their conclusion; recommendations contained in the reports may be considered at the time given or deferred until the "business" period.)
7. UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS—(President and secretary are to see that no business is forgotten; they should check previous minutes and reports carefully.)
8. NEW BUSINESS—(Consider future plans, committee recommendations, appointments, elections, etc. at this time.)
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS—(Greetings and introductions.)
10. SUMMARIZATION OF OBJECTS FOR THE COMING MONTH—(A few words of challenge from the president will prove helpful.)
11. CLOSING DEVOTIONS AND ADJOURNMENT

All business for consideration is introduced by making a motion. There must be something to be discussed before talk begins. Any conversing or presentation of matter not related to the motion under consideration is "ruled out of order" and must stop.

To introduce a motion or speak to a question, a member must first "obtain the floor." This is done by rising and addressing the president or chairman by his proper title. After the chair recognizes that that member "has the floor," he may proceed to make the motion or speak to the question or item being considered.

The standard way to present a motion is, "Mr. President (chairman), I move that . . . (state proposition)." Another member, without rising, then states, "I second the motion." The president then recognizes the motion and restates it, "It has been moved and seconded that . . ." After this, it becomes a "question" and discussion or remarks are called for by the president. The "mover" normally reserves the right to be the first person to speak to the motion.

After discussion by the members, the vote is taken. Voting the means of finding out the wishes of the majority. In most Christian Endeavor societies a simple majority (one more than half the members present) is considered sufficient to carry any motion.

To get the vote the president says, "Those in favor say, 'Aye.' After their response, he says, 'Those opposed say, 'No.' The president bases his decision on the number of voices (not loudness) and declares, "The question (or motion) is carried (or lost)."

Motions may be amended, rescinded, expunged, postponed, referred, withdrawn, laid on the table, etc. It would be well to become familiar with the table of parliamentary motions; however, for use in the Christian Endeavor society it is best to stay with the simple first step or "main motion."

To adjourn is a "privileged motion" and may break in at any time. In its simple form, "I move that we adjourn," it may not be amended and must be voted upon. However, don't abuse the privilege. Don't use it to cut short a meeting or limit discussion.



## Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: Home Missions

## The Inner City Church

Acts 18:1-11

## Set up Your Meeting Like a Clinic

● Sometime previous to this meeting distribute announcements inviting young people to your clinic. They might say, *Come to the Christian Endeavor Clinic on Sunday, June 7, 1964 at 6:45 P.M. for your vaccine to combat the diseases which beset churches in the heart of our cities.*

● Have your leader dressed as a nurse or doctor presiding from behind a desk which has on it spiritual references, the Bible, a concordance, some Bible reference books, a Christian Citizenship Awards Program entry form from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, a book of religious poems, etc.

● Select hymns that express the need of the people of your city for God to help them meet the difficulties they face. Hymns that emphasize God's power and ability to deal with difficulties should also be included. (examples: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; *I Need Jesus*; *I Need Thee Every Hour*; *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*; *Where Cross the Crowded Ways*).

● Have two doctors (society members) assume responsibility for sharing the diagnosing of and prescribing of remedies for the symptoms that are presented. These two would have responsibility for preparing the topic for this meeting. Contact them at least three weeks before the meeting.)

● Invite your pastor as a specialist called in for consultation on particularly difficult cases. (Be sure to share with him your plans.)

## The Leader Describes the Patient

Our patient today is the *Inner City Church*. Over the years a gradual change has taken place in the heart of our big cities. These churches, at one time active, bustling centers for sharing spiritual food, have just become shells of their former greatness. This is in spite of the fact that the need for Christian direction and spiritual power is important to an even greater degree in the areas where the churches are located. People today still need to hear and respond to the redemptive message of Christ. These people need to know that God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:17). This inner city church needs our combined prayer, thought, attention, and skill if the patient is to survive. What do you see as the reasons for this condition? We need to discover the symptoms.

## The Symptoms Presented and Discussed

One or two people might be appointed to get the discussion started but everyone should be encouraged to make a contribution).

One of the great trends in our large cities is the movement of people. The days when people were born, lived and died in the same general neighborhood are past. Today people are on the move—to newer communities, to the suburbs, across state lines.



So there is no stability to the old inner city neighborhoods. This creates a second problem. As former long-time residents move to other communities their places in the "old neighborhood" are immediately filled by many other people, frequently of other racial and national origin. So the interracial factor and the language barrier become a part of the inner city church picture. Should we open our doors to people of other racial backgrounds and how can you worship together when you do not even speak the same language?

Many of the newcomers are having difficult economic problems. They have moved on a "shoestring" and they are living on a "shoestring." The financial need of the church and the people's responsibility to meet this financial need is somewhat foreign to them. Because of little former experience with the church, frequently the newcomers look upon the church for material help and fail to see the spiritual help also available to them. People need to be educated to "give unto the Lord" and to share in His ministry.

Having an even greater impact on the inner city church life is the need for training for church leadership. This is a "starred" item in the lives of all churches. We must take time to train young people for Christian service, and it takes time. This the communists recognize as they attempt to influence the lives of thousands of people today toward commitment to their cause.

We can't afford to allow young people to be indifferent. Jesus Christ's teachings are absolute not relative. There is only one way to be saved from sin and to inherit eternal life. The churches can't treat their responsibility lightly even though they are faced with difficulties. Allow these difficulties to fire your enthusiasm and challenge you, with God's help, toward seeking creative ways of dealing with the problems of the inner city church.

This unit is being presented in connection with the 1963-64 home missions theme being used by 28 denominations, "The Changing City Challenges the Church." Program materials, biographies, worship resources, filmstrips, maps, plays, and display materials may be secured through local bookstores, denominational literature headquarters, or the International Society of Christian Endeavor. A descriptive folder of materials published by Friendship Press will be sent free upon request from the International Society.

## What Therapy or Treatment Might Be Developed?

Now is a good time to look at yourself; your church, your Christian Endeavor society, your activities, your membership, your program, the way your people work together, etc. Evaluate yourself. Take stock; conduct an inventory! What is your primary purpose for existing? Is it purely and simply to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all who enter your doors? Or has your purpose become all mixed up with secondary activities and meetings and bazaars and suppers and you name the rest? Jesus said "My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer" (Mark 11:17). Perhaps as the

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inner city church looks at itself honestly there are things that need changing and there are new positives needed, Paul said (read Ephesians 5:25-27).

Having once looked at yourself and your purpose in the mirror of God's word, you now need to look at your neighborhood. Who are the people, what are their needs and how can the church help meet these needs? This is not easy and it takes time, patience, prayer, and courage. There could be many cruel disappointments but you plan your activities in the light of your Christian purpose and the people among whom you are ministering.

Then you need to advertise your program and your activities so that people will come. Sometimes you may appeal to the physical needs of people but always you present God's promises and His invitation.

When people do come, the church has another job to do. This is true of all churches to varying degrees because people enter the church with all kinds of abilities, all sorts of attitudes, different interests, different feelings of responsibility, different kinds of experience. Sometimes these differences are helpful because they bring new life and ideas to the church. Sometimes these differences hinder the progress of the church because they block progress, they slow up positive activities, they create tensions and frictions. But always these differences need to be refined and directed toward doing the work of the Lord. Training programs need to be conducted so that God's word might become more meaningful and be translated into clearer daily living. And behind all this is prayer and more prayer and enthusiasm. No one wants to become part of the crew of a badly listing, sinking ship with no hope of rescue in sight. People steer clear of a depressing, dying church but an active, enthusiastically "doing" church becomes a magnet.

God never called a lazy man  
To do a task for Him —  
He's looking for the men who work  
With energy and vim  
For men like that are sure to win  
A cause they undertake.  
He doesn't want the lazy kind,  
He wants men wide awake.  
So if you're called to do a task,  
To help Him right some wrong  
You just be glad that you are called  
To help His cause along.

— Edward H. Kessler

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## What Remedies Have Helped?

It's good to look around to see what many inner city churches are doing in an effort to win, to train, and to just

serve people for Christ and His Church. Some of these might be positive avenues of service that can be used by all churches.

1. Some churches are doing a tremendous job with foreign language groups, especially the children. In one church for example, two evenings a week are set aside when young school age children come into the church for help with the English language, help with their homework, and a brief devotional period and refreshments. This is under the administration of the pastor of the church and Christian Endeavorers help with the program.

2. One of the recent trends in inner city churches is away from a daytime, summer daily vacation Bible school to an evening several-times-a-year Bible school. This has proven quite effective in many churches. The idea is to involve all the people in the neighborhood in activities which will help them come to know God's Word and hopefully accept Him. Children come to the church after supper for handcraft time, game time, and worship time. Adults also come for a time of fellowship and learning. Two of the advantages of conducting this type of Bible school are that more people are reached for Christ during the early evening hours and also more workers in the church are available and can be involved in helping with such a program because it is after working hours.

3. Especially during the spring, summer, and fall months many churches and Christian Endeavor societies conduct outdoor services. This is a definite attempt on the part of the inner city church to reach the unreached. Most of the Christian Endeavor branches in the Philadelphia area, for example, either use a busy street intersection, for which they have secured permission from the city, or a church lawn to hold services. These services, of course, must be well planned because they are frequently the only contact an unchurched passerby has with the presentation of God's Word. An amplifier is used so that all can hear and the service is planned around a simple Gospel message with good spirited singing and frequently with an invitation for the listener to accept Christ. It is always a thrill to see the people come, stop, and listen. How many respond to this type of witness will never be known but God gives the increase if we will but present the Word.

4. Thousands of people in a big city are on the move and many never even think about a church in their wanderings. So, since they do not come to the church, many active interested churches have gone to the people. In teams of two or

three these church people have visited homes in the area of the church. kinds of homes and apartments are contacted with all kinds of people in the neighborhood. With each contact an invitation is issued to attend your neighborhood church and an appropriate tract is left with the prospect. These door to door canvasses should always be a well organized activity preceded by a time of prayer before the teams venture forth. They should never be attempted by one individual and the results should be returned to a central committee for further organization. A neighborhood plan is frequently made with interested people in the community noted so that the pastor might make a follow-up visit.

5. There are probably other plans and activities to further the witness of the inner city church with which you are familiar. This is a good time to share these with each other. The important thing to remember is that prayer is a necessary ingredient in all your plans as well as a carefully thought out and carried out program. There is no plan in God's kingdom for careless, slipshod work. "Give of your best to the Master, more than just a song to sing, it is a way of life.

## Prescriptions

1. If you have not already involved your pastor in some of the preceding discussions, give him a few minutes to mention some prescriptions as he sees them.
2. Discuss whether any of the above ideas have any place in the plans of your society for encouraging others to come to your church.
3. Between now and next week find out what is going on in your community, town, or city in the direction of winning people for Christ.
4. Give everyone a prescription to take home with him which he should chew, swallow, and digest so that it becomes part of him in his daily living as he witnesses to others. (This could be a piece of paper for each person present on which is written an applicable Bible verse such as: Proverbs 3:5,6; John 3:16; Matthew 11:28.)
5. Refer to the items which the leader has on the desk as important therapy for not only curing the ills of the inner city church but also for keeping every church in good spiritual condition. (Close your meeting with the monthly consecration service.)

## Daily Bible Readings

M. June 1	The Poor	Luke 4:18
T. June 2	The Outcast	Psalms 147:2
W. June 3	The Sick	Matthew 10:7
T. June 4	The Maimed	Matthew 15:29
F. June 5	The Sorrowing	Romans 12:15
S. June 6	The Sinner	Luke 15:3
Sun. June 7	Topic: The Inner City Church Acts 18:1-19	

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His lamps we are  
To shine where He shall say:  
And lamps are not for sunny rooms  
Nor for the light of day;  
But for dark places of the earth,  
Where shame and wrong and crime have  
birth,  
Or for the murky twilight gray,  
Where wandering sheep have gone astray,  
Or where the lamp of Faith grows dim,  
And souls are groping after Him,  
And as sometimes a flame we find  
Clear-shining through the night,  
So dark we cannot see the lamp,  
But only see the Light,  
So may we shine, His love the flame,  
That men may glorify His Name.  
—A. J. F.

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Topic 2 in a Unit:  
Home Missions

# Your Home Mission

Acts 1:6-8;  
Matthew 25:21

## Meeting Plans:

1. Make a big map of your wider community. Scotch tape the word, "WHERE?" across the center of it. Then in Sunday school, invite your young people to Christian Endeavor that evening to find an answer to the "WHERE."
2. Invite your pastor to come to the meeting so that he might help with the answers. If he knows ahead of time your plans, he should be able to help you locate home missionary activities and organizations in your community.
3. Make this a meeting which will lead to some action. Don't let it be just a meeting of words. Get some commitments for action from your society members.
4. Select hymns following the missionary theme, such as: *Send the Light; There's a New Day Dawning; Are Ye Able; O Jesus, I Have Promised.*
5. Send to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, for entry blanks for Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program. You may be able to enter your home mission activity as a citizenship project in the Awards Program.

## Why Home Missions?

A few years ago the author was walking down a small hallway in a little Japanese inn in Karuigawa north of Tokyo where the Pacific Area Christian Endeavor Conference was being held. A Japanese gentleman approached her and said, "You spoke about Christian Endeavor committees. What committees do you have in the United States?" She mentioned the devotional committee, the lookout committee, the social committee, the missionary committee. When she mentioned the missionary committee he shook his head and said, "This committee we do not need in Japan because all the missionaries come to us."

How true of so many of us. We do not see ourselves as missionaries right here at home in our own neighborhoods, towns, cities, and states. We see missionaries only as people who have heard the call of God and committed their lives in full-time service in some foreign land. And somehow we feel that we have fulfilled our missionary responsibility when we pray for these missionaries on the foreign fields and have sent them some of our substance. This is very important but how strange our thinking is. God definitely places upon us the responsibilities for being missionaries ourselves, right here at home.

Jesus said to His apostles in Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in

Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The apostles were in Jerusalem when Jesus spoke to them before His ascension and the first place He told them to witness was in Jerusalem, right where they were.

It is interesting to note that Paul follows Christ's instruction to the letter. It was in Damascus that Paul was converted and when he spoke of his conversion to King Agrippa he said, "O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26: 19, 20). He began witnessing where he was. How are you witnessing where you are?

There are many people around us who really do not know the Lord Jesus Christ and many would like to know Him and need His love and guidance. Many know Him only through the profanity which comes from the lips of the unsaved. We need to do a job for Christ right here at home with young people, children, older folks, rich, poor, educated, and uneducated. They all need Christ and He needs us to be His witnesses.

## How, Home Missions?

To begin with there is a very important ingredient that goes into working in the field of any mission — that is YOURSELF. We have often heard that saying "What you are speaks so loud, I can't hear what you say." We've got to turn ourselves over to the Lord so that the people who hear us will hear His words and the people who see us will see Christ through us. This isn't easy and we can't do it by ourselves. If, however, we have committed ourselves to Him then, Christ helps us in our day by day living for Him. Remember prayer is the most effective weapon to conquer sin in our lives and the most effective way in finding the blessings God has for our lives.

Now you have to find an organization or a channel through which to witness and serve Christ. In every organized community there are already established Christian agencies that work for Christ with all kinds of people. There are groups that concentrate on the work with young children, those that deal with the aged. There are some who work with the sick, the unfortunate, the social misfits, those away from home and you could go on and on. Take a look at your immediate community and your wider community.

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What existing organizations are already providing a Christian witness? Which organizations working with people do not have much of a Christian witness, if any?

Take a big map of your wider community which can be seen by all at the meeting and plot your possible home mission opportunities. Use a different sticker, pin, or label for those operating as a Christian organization and those serving as part of the responsibility of society. For example you could use a Christian flag, or a C E sticker to locate every mission that bears the name Christian or any other Christian organization, then use another pin or sticker on hospitals, prisons, and community organizations dealing with people on a non-spiritual basis.

### Where, Home Missions?

Discuss which agencies your society might like to contact realizing that it is better to begin with one and then spread your efforts as you learn from your first experience the demands made upon your society in terms of time and effort. This enterprise should of course be carefully planned with your counselor and it would also be good policy to involve your minister for his council.

It is also important that this venture should be entered into prayerfully. Your particular project may be one in which the other people are not too familiar with Christian service. So you have a dual responsibility, not only helping those who need help but also setting a Christian example of dependability, carefulness, honesty, sincerity, hard work, and willingness for those with whom you'll be working.

The story is told of some Christian workers in a mission who needed a sewing machine for work in the mission. They had some difficulty clearing the machine through customs because it was new. The customs officer trying to be helpful said, "Just call it a second-hand sewing machine." When he was told that this would not be possible he said, "I understand. The people are no doubt evangelicals." As evangelical Christians, we must maintain the standards of behavior acceptable to Christ.

"Dear God, I have so much that's good,  
May I be quick to share,  
To reach a friendly hand to those  
Who need someone to care.

All that I have has come from Thee  
I know it's not my own;  
Please give me grace to wisely use  
These gifts I have on loan."

— Anna M. Gasser

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### These Have Worked!

It's always helpful to know what other Christian Endeavor societies or unions have tried that has worked. Here are some possibilities, just for ideas and to build on.

1. In the state of Pennsylvania and especially in the Philadelphia area, Christian Endeavorers for years have undertaken a home mission project involving thousands of seamen who dock in their busy seaport. William Hutchinson, who up until his death a few months ago directed this activity, was responsible for enlisting the support of hundreds of Christian Endeavorers and many societies throughout the state.

Once a week some Christian Endeavor society visits the Seamen's Church Institute and conducts a devotional service and then serves coffee and buns to the seamen. Once a year hundreds of cloth, drawstring bags are made and filled with articles seamen would use (toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, soap, a New Testament, etc.). These are distributed at Christmas time on the ships at anchor in port. Maybe your society could find a project something like this.

2. A number of Christian Endeavor societies contact a local hospital or prison in order to hold a brief devotional service at regular intervals. This again requires much planning to fit in to hospital or prison routines and at the same time give to the people in these institutions a well-organized message in song and word about the love of Jesus Christ and the need of all to repent of their sins and be cleansed by Christ.

3. A group of Christian Endeavor societies have made contact with a local children's home. Here they have secured permission to hold a party for the children with games, activities, and refreshments. Before refreshment time there is a time for Grace and a brief devotional before the end of the party.

This plan has also been quite successful in old folks homes. Not only has permission been secured to hold regular stated Sunday services but at special times parties are held. The look of appreciation and happiness on the faces of these senior citizens is an additional reward the Christian Endeavorers have as they share God's Word, time, and talents with these people.

4. You can find opportunities for your home missionary program right in your own church. Why not offer to distribute flowers to some of the shut-ins of the congregation. Don't just drop the flowers and run but spend a short time with the shut-in. Talk a bit and have a brief word

of prayer. There must be some elderly or sick people from whom your society could undertake small but necessary chores. There are always errands to run, trash to put out, dishes to do, perhaps some reading to share. "Oh," you might say, "what dull and uninteresting job." But this is one way you could witness for Christ and since Christ did say Matthew 25:40 "Verily I say unto you inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," maybe someday you hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

5. Be creative: You could think of hundreds of ways to witness. One group decided it would buy shoes for children in a mission so they made cardboard shoes, encouraged giving and then went to the mission for a "shoeing service." What can you come up with? Just remember that your aim is to make Christ known and real to the people whom you contact.

### When, Home Missions?

There is no special time for you to become home mission conscious. This is a service that goes on day after day and year after year. God's word with the power of the Holy Spirit is always ready to win people if you make it possible for them to hear. People are always anxious for an answer to their problems, care, heartaches, and needs. Get busy now! The need is great — now!

### Who, Home Missions?

Involve everyone in your society. Don't keep it a secret. Everyone has some talent which he or she can use in getting and keeping your home mission project on the road. This is a combined venture. In unity there is strength and Christ blesses your society and the individuals in it as you serve Him.

### Daily Bible Readings

M. June 8	The Need	John 3:17-
T. June 9	The Challenge	Isaiah 6:1
W. June 10	The Message	I Corinthians 1:17-
T. June 11	The Method	Mark 6:7-
F. June 12	The Opportunities	Matthew 5:13,
S. June 13	The Reward	II Timothy 4:7
Sun. June 14—Topic:	Your Home Mission	Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 25:20-

Comments by Frances M. Becker, an active worker in Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor and assistant director of Child Care Centers of the Philadelphia Public Schools



Topic 1 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship versus Crime

# Delinquents or Disciples?

Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 1:16-25

## For Publicity

From a magazine clip a picture of a happy Junior High age boy and girl. Also clip picture of an unhappy or frustrated looking boy or girl. Mat these pictures and paste them on colored cardboard; choose attractive colors. Under the unhappy boy and girl, print in large letters DELINQUENTS and under the happy pair print DISCIPLES; print the two with the small word *or*. At the bottom, include the time, place, date of meeting, and the name of your society.

## For the Leader

Here are some things you will need for this topic:

1. Time to pray for God's guidance and to study the topic thoroughly.
2. A worship center with a lighted candle.
3. Enough candles for all who want to indicate that they want to be disciples. Those desiring to do this will go to the worship center, one at a time, picking up a candle, lighting it and stating in what way he or she expects to be a better disciple for Christ.
4. The lights dimmed for the candlelight ceremony.
5. A prayerful attitude during the candlelight ceremony.

## Leader's Introduction

In our journey through life we make many choices. Our decision on a particular matter is our choice. Sometimes choices are made automatically due to preceding events and preparations in our past; others face us like a crossroad—a place where we must decide to go one way or another. The patterns of our early years will help determine our choices. The same patterns will determine whether we become delinquents or disciples. Let us consider things which lead to delinquency; then let us consider qualities which will develop discipleship. You have heard it said that we are our own greatest enemy. Our own selfishness and between us and others and God. It is our self-centeredness that separates us from God and man. It is the center of sin and crime. Our minds permit sin and our hard hearts give way to it. It takes strength to turn from temptation. A strong mind, spiritually guided and controlled, is perhaps the healthiest possession we can possess. The wealthiest possession we can have is a loving heart. This adds up to great happiness. With God in command of our lives, this is what we can have.

## Our Aims

1. To bring to mind the importance of always making the right decision at every crossroad in life.
2. To point out pitfalls that lead to delinquency.
3. To point up the rich life of the disciple, and the Way.

session we can possess. The wealthiest possession we can have is a loving heart. This adds up to great happiness. With God in command of our lives, this is what we can have.

## Delinquency

What is delinquency? Who is a juvenile delinquent? One who fails in duty or violates the law.

Disobedience to parents is often the beginning of delinquency. Parents may not always be right, but they do have many years of experience of which there is no substitute. Parents have this avenue of knowledge that we with limited years can't possibly possess yet. Someday we will have it too after a number of years of living. Then we will pass on to our children what we have learned to help them. Experience has been referred to too often as life's greatest teacher. It has no substitute. Respect of our parents is essential.

## Suggested Program

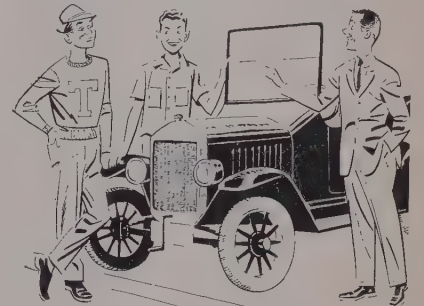
Pre-Prayer Service  
Call to Worship: Psalm 37:5  
Song Service: *Holy, Holy, Holy;*  
*Fairest Lord Jesus; Jesus Calls Us; Trust and Obey*  
Responsive Scripture Reading:  
Selection 10  
Announcements  
Offertory  
Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
Topic: Delinquents or Disciples  
Discussion  
Counselor's Comments  
Candlelight Ceremony  
Closing Song: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
Benediction

Another pitfall toward delinquency is laziness. Laziness breeds unhappiness, unhappiness brings about discontent, discontented people look for an easy lift. Their creation of happiness is false and lasts a short time. Anything without the backing of truth is short lived, and temporary. Happiness is created over a period of time by a sound, healthy, active, truthful mind, and with a desire and a spirit of good intention.

The good things in life are worth the effort required to possess them. We must dig out knowledge and develop an interest in good things by probing.

Late hours without purpose can lead to trouble. Unchaperoned parties are dangerous. Trying to grow up too fast and having the appetites of adults create problems.

Choosing the wrong friends can degenerate a good person rapidly. The influence of a friend is powerful. The right choice of friends will help us grow into Christian maturity.



## Discussion of Causes

Here are additional factors that contribute to delinquency. The group might like to discuss these.

- A child who gets everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
- A child who is laughed at when he uses bad words. This makes him think he is cute.
- A boy or girl who has everything picked up and done for him. This makes him experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
- A child who is constantly subjected to quarreling between mother and father.
- A child who is given all the spending money he wants without having to earn a cent.

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● A child whose parents take his part against neighbors, teachers, and police. Because the parents feel they are prejudiced.

● A boy or girl deprived of early spiritual training, where he or she could learn about the true values in life, and the love of God.

## Disciples

Some people believe that a person's pattern of life is firmly established by the time he gets out of Junior high school. This is why proper decisions are so important for us now.

Who is a disciple? A disciple is one who willingly receives instruction. A disciple of Christ is a professed follower of Him. The way of uprightness is outlined in Proverbs 28:4-10 (read this). The poor that walk uprightly are far better off than the rich who go astray. How often people find false security in wealth. It is false because money can buy only material things. It surely cannot buy happiness. Our material requirements are but a fragment of the things that make us happy. In fact, it robs us of spiritual satisfaction. If we have substituted momentary monetary security for the everlasting security God gives it will surely let us down.

The rich man thinks he is wise, but the poor man with understanding is wiser. Sometimes money can buy off the law, but if we keep the law this isn't necessary anyway. Laws are our protection. We shouldn't abuse them. If we are lawful, we have no fear of the law. Law is to maintain peace and order and will convict only the violators. Persons motivated by the love of God will try to abide by the law.

## The Fruit of the Spirit

Goodness is built on the fruit of the Spirit. If we possess or are earnestly wanting to possess this fruit, we are surely disciples of Christ. Matthew 5:16 says let your light so shine before others that they may see your moral excellence and your noble and good deeds, and recognize honor, praise, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Christ came to fulfill the law not to undo the law. Laws today give us boundaries and direction. I Corinthians 10:13 tells us that no trial or temptation will overtake us that is not common to all men. In other words, it is not beyond human resistance; and it belongs to human experience and such as man can bear. But God has promised and can be trusted not to let us be tempted beyond our

## Questions for Discussion

1. What is the fruit of the spirit?
2. Should the delinquent be shunned; should you covet his friendship?
3. Where does one draw the line in helping without the evil tainting the good?
4. Consider the possibilities of being friendly without having to become bosom friends; building a character instead of tearing it down—thoughtfulness instead of slander; encouragement instead of ridicule.
5. If you have a known delinquent in your school, discuss how you could help this person get a fresh new start in life.

ability, strength, resistance, and power to endure and He will provide for us a way out or a resting place until we gain strength to bear up under it.

## Good Citizenship

Good disciples are good citizens. This begins at home. The level of our standards are determined at home. We rarely rise above the level taught us at home. Unselfishness, orderliness, patience, and self discipline are acquired at home. What we learn at home we continue to carry into public service, the church, and society. With all of this stemming from the home and family relations how important then a family altar is. How important it is for us to keep our quiet hour daily. What a joyful way to start the day. Being prepared for the day that is awaiting us as we arise in the morning. This will help us with our responsibilities at school or wherever we are.

As disciples, we will be greater assets to our community and to our government if we prepare ourselves each day. We love our country and we want to practice Christian principles in our democracy. We must protect our freedom and we can be influential by being Christian leaders.

Communism is a big threat today. Our generation will have to combat this as our parents are doing now. When we are adults, these will be our responsibilities. We must be prepared. Let's start now to be prepared.

Our leisure time can be used to mold our character as stated earlier. We should maintain those friendships that challenge us to our best. Even our recreation should have a purpose.

Reading is a great adventure, a great teacher. We shouldn't waste time on obscene literature. A disciple must be concerned with building character. Poor reading material destroys, it does not build.

Disciples are not interested in narcotics. It doesn't take much intelligence

to know that narcotics are harmful to all humans. People submit to this through weakness and ignorance. Attitudes change with knowledge, fortunately. Wisdom comes from knowledge. We know by looking around that alcohol, tobacco, and narcotics are all harmful to the body, mind, and soul. The positive scientific discoveries recently have proven that fatal diseases are caused by alcohol and these. Only fools start things that they know will lead to destruction. It is very intelligent to indulge in that which we know is harmful. We must be strong in the Lord.

A delinquent or a disciple? Which will we be? Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength we can be His disciples.

## I Dare Not Idle Stand

I dare not idle stand,  
While upon every hand  
The whitening fields proclaim the  
harvest near;

A gleaner I would be,  
Gathering, dear Lord, for Thee  
Lest I with empty hand at last appear.

I dare not idle stand,  
While on the shifting sands,  
The ocean casts bright treasures at my feet

Beneath some shell's rough side  
The tinted pearl may hide,  
And I with precious gift my Lord may miss

I dare not idle stand,  
While over all the land  
Poor, wandering souls need humble help  
like mine;

Brighter than the brightest gem  
In monarch's diadem,  
Each soul a star in Jesus crown may shine.  
— Selected

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## Daily Bible Readings

M. June 15 No Hiding Place Genesis 3:1  
T. June 16 The Days of Noah Genesis 6:1-9  
W. June 17 Not a Righteous Man Ecclesiastes 7:1-6  
T. June 18 All Are Unclean Isaiah 64:6  
F. June 19 Fear the Lord Proverbs 15:27  
S. June 20 The Last Days II Timothy 3:1-5  
Sun. June 21—Topic: Delinquents or Disciples  
Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 12:1-2

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Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.



Topic 2 in a Unit: Christian Citizenship versus Crime

# On Patrol

Ephesians 6:10-18

## Promoting Our Meeting

Use a picture portraying a praying policeman with Bible in the upper corner of his shoulder. Place the words "On Patrol" under the picture, giving date, time, and place of meeting.

## Clarifying Our Aims

This topic is concerned with law enforcement—better, an attitude toward law. This attitude should prevail in our relationships to law enforcement officers, our parents, and all those in authority.

As Christians we must seek to live together in our community in response to God's call in Christ. Discipline and devotion to the truths of Christ are required to develop Christian character and conduct.

Today's topic is presented as a means of study, discussion, and action toward the following aims:

- To fulfill our responsibility as Christians called to witness to God's will in all of life.
- To strengthen our belief in decency, law, and order.
- To use our influence toward the prevention of crime and the administration of justice.
- To understand the problems of law enforcement officers and cooperate in every way possible for good citizenship.
- To help Junior Highs understand their responsibility as Christian citizens.
- To know and experience Christian companionship and love under the guidance of dedicated leaders.

Let us bring together the ideas expressed in our aims. We want to be close to those in authority and respect and love them. This happens when we have shared interests and common experiences. Most of all, it happens when we give ourselves to a common love, the love of God. So stated it is simple, but we all know that for many it takes unusual living and help from Christ who leads and guides us as children. Therefore, the armor of God set forth in Ephesians is not only the starting point but the necessary equipment of every Christian.

## Leader's Introduction

A quote from the late President, John F. Kennedy to the Fraternal Order of Police, 1964

Police said, in part, "Law enforcement is one of the most vital public services of American life..."

The Holy Bible is the Christian's guide for Christian citizenship. The Christian must be a law-abiding citizen of his community. The Christian ought to be the best citizen, because he follows a perfect pattern.

Laws cannot stand alone. They must be given life. They must be kept through the Spirit of Christ, for His Spirit lifts up, gives power, and makes strong. We come to know His Spirit as we come into the presence of Him who died that all might live and live more abundantly.

## Surveying Our Present Situation

We are living in a time of moral erosion brought on by the pressure of advertising, preoccupation with things, large expenditures on luxuries, and comfortable living.

We daily see a steady undermining of authority, disrespect for law and order, the approval of brutality, and the romanticizing of violence. Fairy tales contain such happenings, but it was always in a world of magic, wonder, and fantasy. Shakespeare and the Greeks set wars and murders in remote times and faraway places. Today violence is an immediate reality. Crimes are committed in our own time and place with utter disregard for authority and morality.

## Suggested Program

- Pre-Prayer Service
- Call to Worship: Psalm 19:7-14
- Hymns: *Where He Leads Me;*  
*Trust and Obey*
- Announcements and Offering
- Responsive Reading: Number 6
- Prayer by a Junior High
- Prayer Response: *Breathe on Me,*  
*Breath of God*
- Topic Introduction
- Music: *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*
- Topic Presentation
- Sentence Prayers
- Mizpah Benediction

A closer look at crime reveals startling facts that Christians should consider thoughtfully and prayerfully. Law enforcement officers have observed a change in the nature of crime. The motivation is to be cruel rather than just to gain. Assault is attempted without reason on streets and in businesses. Another peculiarity is the youthfulness of the offenders. Two-fifths of all arrests for the most serious crimes involve persons under eighteen years of age. The verbiage of standard TV westerns is used by many in daily conversation.



## Who's Responsible?

Disrespect for law and order is not an innate conception. It must be learned. Young minds catch warped ideas from older and more experienced persons. Magazines, newspapers, and television feature violence. Comic books are the worst of all.

When a young child is permitted to yell or even mumble "dirty copper" when a policeman goes by, he cannot be expected to have much respect for law and order. As he grows older his ideas become worse unless he is guided in the right direction.

When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, his supposed assassin was in turn murdered by a lawless avenger, and on TV before the eyes of millions. It was said over and over "This cannot happen again; something good has to come from this horrible crime." But persons who deal with crime and law enforcement know that such a despicable crime can happen again. There are potential assassins in every community, who are quiet on the surface, but on the inside they harbor hate and anger. Disrespect for law and order lies in the hands of all ages, for each age has a certain influence on another in the molding of character for a good citizen.

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"Crime will rage," said FBI Chief, J. Edgar Hoover, "until men of strong moral conviction assert greater influence toward the prevention of crime and the administration of justice." This is a simple plea, but hard to realize unless each, in his daily life, will assume responsibility for the sum total of community or national morality. The morality of a nation is the morality of its individuals.

## Lessons for Us

(These five points can be used as the basis for further talks on the topic.)

1. Love builds up. Hate destroys. The Gospel of love was not given to us to practice on one day or one season, but every day and in every way.

2. Reliance upon violence is wrong. Contrary to TV, good men do not take the law into their own hands.

3. Christian citizenship is not only founded upon the Constitution and a written Bill of Rights. It is an attitude of Christian love grounded in the will of God.

4. Our goal should be nothing short of diligence and determination to master and teach Christian citizenship through all of life.

5. All children must be our concern—the misunderstood, the rejected, the ridiculed, the fearful, the combative.

## Christian Responsibility

A Christian must endeavor to stand. Before you stand, you must arm yourself. To be victorious the Christian must put on the whole armor of God. Lack of respect for traffic laws can lead to lack of respect for all law. Unless you strive to obey even minor laws, you may fall into defeat. Let not the enemy take you unawares.

Put on truth. Think and act in a way that is just and honest. Possess an attitude of peace and generosity. Trust in God. Never forget that Jesus Christ is your Saviour. Learn to respond to His Spirit. The greatest thing a Christian can do is pray. In prayer the Christian receives direction, encouragement, and strength.

A Christian attitude toward life will enable you to meet the seemingly unimportant demands of life with straightforward responsibility. It is a continuing fight in little things, as well as in great, to make respect, character, and obedience the basis of good behavior. You

have a primary responsibility to be servants of Christ in daily life. You cannot escape difficult situations. Does Christ take precedence over comfort and convenience? You must learn to obey Christ. School, family, and community life involve basic principles.

The biggest problem can be yourselves. You tend to be too soft in your understanding of God's will. You may forget the strength of His will, the justness of His mercy, and the iron of His law. God gives much to you, and He expects much from you. This might mean laying aside some of your usual busyness and giving more time to your relationships with God, your family, and your fellowman. It is good to remember that God never expects more of you than He will enable you to do.

## An Alternate Study-Discussion Program

### A. Stimulating Suggestions for Study

1. Plan an informal discussion program in which parents share the ways they have helped develop Christian citizenship. Try to decide upon approaches to other youth with problem attitudes towards laws and respect for authority.

2. Study the law enforcement agencies. Do you really know what the law is doing in your community? Invite a Christian policeman to your meeting or interview him in advance.

3. Have a panel program followed by a discussion period. Topics could include: *Why are laws necessary? Who are the officers of the law in your community and what are their responsibilities? What is the Christian responsibility to law enforcement?*

4. Point out Christians in public life who are model Christians. Put biographies of them into the hands of the Junior Highs. Their attitudes will encourage youth and command respect.

### B. Points for Discussion

1. Recall several situations in which the law was needed. Were youth involved? How did they respond?

2. How can we account for the outright hostility of other youth around us? How can Christian Endeavors help?

3. Do adults so fear the opinions of others that they are unwilling to give them the guidance and direction they need?

## Things We Can Do

### ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Crime is a growing concern. We can develop a community plan to prevent crime and increase Christian citizenship. Study the needs of your community and the impact of mass media on violence. Discover what Junior Highs can do to combat the spread of violence and disrespect for law and order.

### "THE LETTER OF THE LAW"

The Delaware State Police have a "letter of the law" program which lets parents know how their children behave outside the home. A special letter is sent to the parents of each youth who is found hitchhiking, accompanying a reckless driver, parking on a lonely road, or found in any potentially dangerous situation.

The letters are polite but to the point. Their purpose is preventive rather than punishment. They offer assistance and show concern. Each letter is accompanied by a questionnaire which shows the attitude of parent and child. An interview may follow.

The values of this plan are worthy of mention:

1. It re-establishes contact with law enforcement officers.
2. Potential danger spots are prevented.
3. Lives are saved.

### REVERENCE FOR LAW

Abraham Lincoln was a young man (twenty-eight years of age) when he made his famous statement: "Let every American every lover of liberty, every well-wisher of his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country and never tolerate their violation by others. As patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor."

## Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program

Secure enough free copies of the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program folder to challenge individuals in your society and your society to witness for Christ and the Church through Christian Citizenship. Complete details about the Awards Program are listed in the folder. Also order copies of the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" Cost: 35 cents per dozen or \$2.50 per hundred. Folders should be ordered from the Publishing Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

## Daily Bible Readings

M. June 22	Avoid the Way of Evil	Proverbs 4:14-15
T. June 23	The Way of Uprightness	Proverbs 28:4
W. June 24	Lawful but Not Expedient	I Corinthians 10:21
T. June 25	The Law Is Good	I Timothy 1:5
F. June 26	Submit to Authority	Romans 13:1
S. June 27	The Law Fulfilled in Love	Galatians 5:13
Sun. June 28—Topic: On Patrol		Ephesians 6:10

Comments by Rev. Edgar L. Mack, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newport and Erlanger, Kentucky, and a member of the Youth Work Committee

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



# Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: Home Missions

## The Inner City Church

Acts 18:1-11

### Publicity and Promotion

Do not overlook the church bulletin as a means of advertising your meeting. Freshness of approach and liveliness of content can do much to arouse interest and participation.

The same will hold true for any article that may wish the local newspaper to print for you. Avoid dullness and sloppy copy.

The best way to promote any meeting is personal invitation to another to join you going to the meeting. For one who is a stranger to the group this will do more to make him feel at home than anything else could do. For one who is not, it will encourage him to attend so that he or she may share in what is important to you.

### Guidance for the Leader

This is a wide subject and may prove to be difficult to deal with in one session. Therefore, it may be well to limit the presentation to an aspect or two of the problem. In this way the subject can be dealt with in depth and make a stronger impact. There are a variety of ways in which this subject can be handled. One way is to present the topic in the form of a book review. Select one of the books recommended in the *Resources* section at the end of next week's topic.

Another approach which would be effective would be to select one of the dramas listed in the *Resources* section at the end of next week's topic. If the group likes to sing and there are some good voices to draw upon, then the choral drama by Schevill will prove to be a stimulating presentation. If a stage drama is deemed more suitable, then choose one of these as listed in this section. To be truly effective and successful, this form of presentation requires hard work, consistent practice, and sincerity. This form of presentation can be repeated for other groups or at a rally or a conference and thus reach many more with its message.

Another suggestion is to make use of the filmstrips available on this subject. They may appear to be the easy way out for dealing with this topic. Actually, such a method of presentation to be effective, requires several previews and careful digesting of the accompanying material on the part of the leader.

Perhaps you are in an area where a city pastor is within traveling distance. If so, invite him to come as your special speaker. Ask him to share with you the problems which he faces, the means being used to meet them, and what you as a group could do to aid him in his endeavors.

### Our Aim

To become aware of some of the distinctive problems which face the downtown city churches, and what we can do to help these churches to meet these challenges.

### Background Comments

When we speak of an inner city church we mean one that finds itself wholly, or almost so, deserted by the people who were once its attenders and supporters. These people, for the most part, have left the area and moved to more desirable locations such as the suburbs. In their place have come people of much lower economic standing, social position; and, very often, different cultural, religious, and racial backgrounds. Such people live differently, from background and economic necessity, so that places of residence, once private, now become rooming houses or accommodations for more people than the buildings were originally intended to house. This produces slum conditions because landlords want the same income from rents which can be

derived only by such families doubling and tripling up. The property suffers deterioration from such abuse and landlords become reluctant to maintain their property in such a declining neighborhood with property values falling. Such an environment can not help but produce the social and moral problems which the church now finds itself forced to meet if it is to be truly the Church of Jesus Christ. It could, as many have done, move away too. But that would be a betrayal of the cause of Christ.

The church which elects to remain in such a changing and changed situation to minister to human needs, physical, spiritual, social, and personal, is what we term an inner city church.



This unit is being presented in connection with the 1963-64 home missions theme being used by 28 denominations, "The Changing City Challenges the Church."

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service  
Musical Prelude  
Prayer of Invocation  
Hymn: *Day Is Dying in the West*  
Responsive Reading: 13  
Gloria Patri  
Scripture: Acts 18:1-11  
Evening Prayer  
Offering  
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East or West*  
Presentation of the Topic  
Discussion  
Consecration Service  
Prayer of Consecration  
Hymn: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways*  
Benediction

### The Early Christian Church

The beginnings of the Christian Church were, by and large, in the cities of the Roman Empire. Corinth was the largest and wealthiest city of Greece. Including its suburbs, the population of this busy seaport has been estimated to have been six hundred thousand. Its wealth, in part, was derived from the fact that ships and cargo could save two hundred miles by docking at the east or west harbor of the city and then being transported overland to be relaunched, if a small ship, or reloaded, if a cargo, on another ship. These two ports made the city a sailors' haven.

Such a bustling city with its large, mixed population contained all the problems and tensions of the modern city.

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One has but to read the letters which Paul wrote to the church located there to become aware of this truth. Immorality of every sort, drunkenness, idolatry, squabbles, poverty, wealth, mixed-marriages, racial and religious strife, and suits at law are all mentioned and dealt with in his correspondence. In varying forms and degrees are these same problems faced by the inner city church today.

## Some of the Problems Needing Help

**MOBILE POPULATION:** In these areas people move frequently for various and sundry reasons. They do not take root and probably do not want to in such an undesirable location. Even the public schools in these areas face this problem with mobility running as high as seventy percent.

To deal with people and their needs takes time. Thus, in the face of such mobility, frustration becomes too frequently the experience of the Christian worker.

**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:** With facilities and programs for constructive use of leisure time at a minimum in these areas, young people find it easy to get into trouble. Their homes being overcrowded and noisy, their need for attention being ignored by harried or indifferent parents, the street becomes their usual haunt and mischief their outlet for frustration and neglect.

**GANG WARFARE:** To achieve a sense of belonging, youth tends to associate in groups. Rivalry between groups springs up. Having little or no opportunity to express that sense of power in normal, healthy ways, such as sports and social groups, they find outlets in destructive ways which grow more vicious as they succeed.

**DRUG ADDICTION:** To escape reality and live in a more congenial imaginary world, some turn to narcotics. Sometimes this is resorted to simply for "kicks." Sometimes the drug habit develops because everyone else is doing it. Whatever the original reason for beginning, the end result is an addict whose plight becomes more and more desperate leading him to more and more crime to afford what he can no longer do without.

**IMMORALITY:** In such an atmosphere where, all too often, youth is surrounded by the licentiousness of their elders, where the moral code is expressed in terms of anything for a thrill, where spiritual values are practically nil, the

passions are given free rein. In consequence, illegitimacy is frequent, prostitution becomes a way of life, and character and integrity become warped and twisted.

**BROKEN HOMES:** If the strength and bulwark of a nation is good homes, then the future of this country is being seriously endangered by the prevalence of broken homes in these areas. Such result from economic factors, immoral behavior, refusal to assume responsibility for a family, drunkenness, gambling, and death of a parent. Sometimes such a situation could have been avoided if an interested individual or group could have ministered to the needs and problems facing such a family. Where the situation exists, its worst effects could be avoided by counseling, Christian love, and a helping hand.

**SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE:** Being concerned with basic material needs, the things of the spirit seem unimportant and unnecessary. To such the image of the Church is not a very winsome one. The Church too often appears to such as an institution interested only in maintaining the status quo, catering to the substantial citizens of the community, sitting in judgment on the less fortunate, and, at best, patronizing in its dealings with the slum dweller. Thus the Church is often suspect to these people when it tries to help. "What is it after now?" is the suspicion in their minds. Or, if the behavior of the church members they know (the landlord, the cheating merchant, the crooked politician) is an indication of Christianity, they want nothing to do with it.

There are many other problems which could have been mentioned which face the inner city church. It is a situation that is as many faceted as an intricately carved gem. It requires imagination, love, ingenuity, and daring to meet it. It is a slow work and often frustrating.

## How to Meet It

Many methods have been and are being tried to meet the challenges faced by the inner city church. All of them must achieve first the removal of the suspicion that the church has an ulterior motive in carrying on such a ministry. These approaches have to convince these people that the church is interested in them as individuals and desires to help them spiritually and physically so that they can meet life on more equal terms and, by using their God-given gifts, can make their lives count for good in the world.

To meet this problem the church has

to provide facilities for wholesome activities, guided recreation, spiritual instruction, guidance, counseling, and mate assistance.

Above all, these efforts must spr forth out of a love of Christ, who lo the sinner in spite of his sin, and a l of others, who are brothers and for wh Christ died to redeem. When such the spirit that undergirds activities their behalf and when the final object is to help these people enjoy a ri relationship with God through Je Christ, then the work will succeed j as Paul's efforts proved successful w ever he journeyed and labored for Master and Saviour.

## Follow-Up Activities

If the group can arrange it, then a v to a downtown city church would prov first hand experience of the situations faced. The pastor of such a church, if as early enough, could arrange a tour of church on an evening when a full progr is in operation as well as a visit thro the neighborhood to observe housing, r reational facilities, and other characteris of the area.

If the group is within easy traveling tance of such a church, why not volunt to perform some service such as plann and carrying out an evening of recreati or forming and guiding a Christian I deavor society.

There may be a special project that society could sponsor that would help inner city church. The pastor of such church could be contacted for suggestio Perhaps Senior Highs could assist in a da vacation Bible school, or there may be ite such as children's shoes that could be lected and presented to the inner c church.

## Resource Material

A partial list of available resources appears at the end of the June 14 topic. A complete catalog of resources published by FRIENDSHIP PRESS is available free from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

## Daily Bible Readings

M. June 1	Babel	Genesis 11-12
T. June 2	Sodom and Gomorrah	Genesis 18:16-19
W. June 3	Samaria	I Kings 18:17-19
T. June 4	Palestina	Isaiah 14:28-32
F. June 5	Damascus	Isaiah 17:1-14
S. June 6	Nineveh	Jonah 1:1-17
Sun. June 7—Topic:	The Inner City Church	Acts 18:1-11

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas, professor Hebrew and Old Testament studies at Bloomfield College and Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



Topic 2 in a Unit: Home Missions

# Your Home Mission

Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 25:21

## Publicity

The more one publicizes an event, the more others will hear about it. The better a publicizes it, the deeper the impression will make.

There is the church bulletin which can carry an arresting announcement of the meeting with pertinent details.

The local newspaper will reach the same group and others. To catch the attention of the reader prepare your copy with imagination and sprightliness.

If postcards picturing the local hospital, home for the aged, children's home, and institutions of the like are available, then use such as invitations to the young people you would like to have present. Make your invitation relevant to the picture on the postcard.

An interest arouser could be made in the form of a tag to be worn by the members of the group a week or two preceding the meeting. The tag could be circular in form. The center use a dot and write around it the letters ME. Draw lines from this dot toward the edge but leave enough room to place a symbol above each. At the end of each line place a symbol: a musical clef for choir, a red cross for the hospital, a closed book for the blind, crutches for the handicapped, a jailer's key or ring with keys for prison, a cross for the church, and whatever else may be suitable for the particular areas in which opportunities for witnessing Christ are available in your community. When somebody asks what it all means, then invite that person to come to the meeting.

## Guidance for the Leader

If a speaker is desired, then invite a person engaged in social or penal work to speak to the group about the aims and efforts of his particular organization as well as the opportunities open for volunteer work by a group such as yours. A good way to arouse and enlist interest in this subject is to send out a questionnaire about a week or two in advance of this meeting. Such questions these might be asked: *How many hospitals are there in our area? Homes for the aged? Orphanages? Prisons? Youth organizations? Schools for the handicapped? Do they use volunteer assistance? How much time do you give to such groups? What abilities are required? Would you like to share in such opportunity?*

Have each bring the answers to the meeting and use them as the basis for discussing the topic as well as leading to decision to take on such a responsibility.

## Our Purpose

To discover the home mission work that your local church is doing as well as discuss and plan ways in which its witness for Christ in the community can be enlarged.

## Topic Comments

So often when we think of witnessing for our faith we think in terms of far away places and people strange to us. We consider that it must be dramatic, overwhelming, spectacular. Nothing less will do. Nothing more is required.

But is such an attitude correct? Is such a view true to Jesus and His desires of us? Let us compare this understanding of our witness with the example and teaching of Jesus and see to what conclusion it leads us.

## Example

Did you realize that apart from one incident the ministry of Jesus was limited to an area about the size of the State of Delaware? Even so, there were many places within that area which He did not visit.

Have you ever noticed how much of Jesus' ministry was in terms of individuals? These individuals were, by and large, people whom He met wherever He happened to be.

## Suggested Program

Call to Worship: Proverbs 3:5,6.  
Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus*  
Invocation  
Responsive Reading: 15  
Gloria Patri  
Scripture: Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 25:21  
Sentence Prayers  
Offering  
Announcements  
Hymn: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Topic  
Discussion  
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*  
Benediction



Did you ever notice how often Jesus visited people in their homes? One could mention those of Peter, Mary and Martha, Jairus, Matthew, the one in Cana, as well as others. Sometimes it was on a mission of mercy. Other times it was primarily for fellowship. Always it provided Him with an opportunity to speak God's word or show God's love.

Have you ever noticed the types of people Jesus helped? There was a loose-living woman (John 4:7-26), a hated tax-gatherer (Luke 5:27-32; 19:1-10), a despised Samaritan leper (Luke 17:11-19), a Roman centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13), a Syro-Phoenician woman's daughter (Matthew 15:21-28). Does this indicate anything about any blind spots we may have as to our opportunities for witnessing for Him?

Are you mindful of the fact that He devoted much of His time to the twelve teaching and training them as the sure way to give His cause permanence and continuity? Does this suggest a correction for any idea that we may have that many people must see our witnessing or be touched by it if it is to be effective and worthwhile?

In all these situations Jesus found His work right at hand. Though He yearned to teach and to save all of humankind, nevertheless He found the world and its needs wherever He was and ministered there.

## Teachings

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus points out, as His hearers were quick to perceive, that a neighbor is one who shows mercy, consideration, care for another. Thus, anyone near at hand who is in need of help is our opportunity to be a neighbor. Notice also that such a spirit crosses all the artificial barriers of prejudice and bias. Need takes precedence over who the person is. Love in the spirit of Christ sees a needy person as a child of God and serves that one as such.

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When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment He replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God—and thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-40). In the mind of Jesus there could not be the one without the other. This same idea is expressed in another way by the writer of I John 4:20. See also John 13:34,35.

The intimate relationship between faith and action, discipleship and service, Jesus set forth in the striking words of Matthew 7:21. The measure of one's rank and status in the Kingdom of Christ is set forth also in terms of faith in action. See Matthew 20:25-28; Mark 10:42-45; Luke 22:25-27.

How can we serve Christ today? Again, Jesus made this quite clear when He informed the disciples how He would be able to separate the sheep from the goats on the day of judgment (see Matthew 25:31-46).

### Conclusion

Thus, by precept and example does Jesus reveal how faith and practice go hand in hand and how many are the opportunities about us to witness for Him if our discipleship is real and earnest. When we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to serve those within our reach we will be fulfilling our mission in life. In fulfilling that mission with a loving spirit we will then receive the reward of the faithful. "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21 RSV).

### Follow-Up Activities

Let the group make a survey of its area to discover the number and variety of institutions engaged in social, medical, and corrective work. This can be done in a number of ways. By consulting the office of the Community Chest, the local government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Welcome Wagon Organization, can such a list be obtained.

From this list assign one or two of the members to visit the head of each such institution or agency to learn about its work and to discover if there are opportunities to volunteer one's service to help meet their needs.

Then, let each share his findings with the group. After careful consideration of the opportunities and the abilities of the group, select one, possibly two of these, and take on this work as the expression of your commitment and faith in witnessing for Christ.

How about a taxi brigade? There are probably a number of older people in your church who would like to attend service if only they had some means of transportation to get there, especially when the weather is inclement.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Is it enough as a Christian to go to church, Sunday school, and Christian Endeavor meeting? Is it sufficient, in addition, to try to be above approach in personal living?
2. Do you consider first the person and then the need before acting?
3. Are you ready and willing to help anyone or include everyone in your social life?
4. Is the mere act of helping enough or must it be the result of a certain spirit? If the latter, what is that spirit?

How about a visitor's corps? Are there not shut-ins whose days would be brighter if they had callers? Would they not appreciate a reading from Scripture and a word of prayer?

### An Illustration

"What can faith and five dollars do?" people asked when a Presbyterian minister's widow, Louise Wotrung Lyle, proposed to help the needy and sick of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Lyle had only her trust in Jesus Christ and her five dollars, but in 1893 she rented half of a double house on Sherman Avenue, on Pittsburgh's north side, and launched a hospital. She was ignored at first, then criticized by many leading churchmen. There was even a hassle over her naming the hospital, "The Presbyterian Hospital." Some thought it degraded Presbyterianism! Louise Lyle was concerned only that the poor of Pittsburgh should have adequate care in time of illness.

Thanks to Louise Lyle's "five dollars and faith in Almighty God," Presbyterian-University Hospital and Nursing School today is the leading surgical and medical unit of the Medical Center hospitals in Pittsburgh.

William P. Barker in *Personalities Around Jesus*. (Fleming H. Revell Company)

### Resources

#### FOR USE WITH JUNE 14 TOPIC

Books: McKay, Arthur R., *God's People in God's World*, Westminster Press, \$1.00.

Speakman, Frederick B., *Love Is Something You Do*, Fleming H. Revell, \$2.50.

#### FOR USE WITH JUNE 7 TOPIC

Books: Lee, Robert, *Cities and Churches*, Westminster Press, \$3.50.

Hilton, Bruce, *My Brother Is a Stranger*°, \$1.75 (a policeman's eye-view of the city).

Matson, T. E., *Edge of the Edge*°, \$1.50 (calls each church to local mission).

FILMSTRIPS: *The Cliff Dwellers*°, 70 frames, color, \$7.00 (shows life in high rise apartments and its challenge to the church).

*Crossroad at Cedarhurst*°, 64 frames, black and white, \$5.00 (presents a specific racial housing situation and the issues involved from a Christian viewpoint).

DRAMA: *Voices of Mass and Capital*, Schevill, James, 75 cents (a choral drama that shows the challenge of the city to church).

*This Thine House*°, Wefer, Marion, 75 cents (a minister's struggle to put new in an old church in a changing neighborhood).

*A House for Marvin*°, Swann, D. L., 75 cents (about interracial housing).

\*These are published by Friendship Press.

All the above books can be ordered from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216, or most religious bookstores.

### O Brother Man

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother  
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there  
To worship rightly is to love each other,  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:  
The holier worship which He deigns to bless  
Restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,  
And feeds the widow and the fatherless.

— John Greenleaf Whittier

### Daily Bible Readings

- M. June 8 Meaning of Discipleship Matthew 16:24  
T. June 9 Challenge to Be a Disciple Romans 12  
W. June 10 Faith of a Disciple Proverbs 3  
T. June 11 Life of a Disciple Ephesians 5  
F. June 12 Task of a Disciple Acts 22:14  
S. June 13 Reward of a Disciple II Timothy  
Sun. June 14—Topic: Your Home Mission Acts 1:6-8; Matthew 25

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament studies at Bloomfield College and Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.



Topic 1 in a Unit: Crime and Law Enforcement

# Stay Out of "the Line-Up"

Romans 13:1-14

## Hints to Leaders

The topic before you is a live one. Everyone in the group should have an interest in this area of law. Most everyone has opinions and feelings about laws and how they are enforced. You will need to watch that your discussion doesn't get carried down the wrong stream of thinking. Strive always to keep it positive.

The last portion of the topic lends itself to discussion on the various areas listed in the topic material—effect of television, environment, heredity, and social pressures on the cause of crime. Use these to gain expression from the other Christian Endeavorers on the topic issues.

This may also be a good opportunity to bring some local law enforcement official in to speak to the society. If you do this make sure he knows the purpose in his coming otherwise it can be a wasted effort. Give him instructions as to time, place, and area you would like stressed. You may be able to get some suggestions from your pastor or counselor.

## Hints to Counselors

It might be wise for you to assist your leader in developing the topic. Often youth of our generation don't have too wholesome a view of the law and its officers. Another item of concern is that of our responsibility to the laws of the land and our attitude to the powers that are in control. Be sure you read the Scripture references for each day and especially the passage listed for this topic (Romans 13:1-14). The topic material itself does not speak to it directly, although it underlies the thinking of the entire presentation. Put some Biblical teeth into the presentation. Then too, encourage your young people in their Christian endeavor.

## Hints for Publicity

Posters with pictures of law officers and various other symbols pertaining to the area of law would be eye-catching and appealing. Always try to catch the person's interest in publicity. This can be done best by reaching to individual and personal appeal. Most everyone has thoughts or feelings on the matter of law and law enforcement so invite them to active participation.

If you should decide to bring in a special speaker make sure he or she is publicized in the society as well as the church and Sunday school. Make sure that the details of the meeting have been cared for before the meeting begins, so that the meeting will go smoothly and there will not be a need for a case of acute nervousness.

## Hints for the Topic

### A Case History

It was a beautiful day, with the warm sun making life comfortable in the city streets. Inside one of the gray impressive buildings in the downtown area, the scene was not the same. Behind the huge doors of this building were gathered ten people concerned with the safety and justice of the citizens of the community. In one room the atmosphere was eerie and frightening. One could hardly make out the features of the persons seated in the seats of the room. Suddenly the lights in the front of the room were focused on a stage whose back drop was marked off in feet and inches. Slowly from the side came a figure clad in a gray coverall. He moved to the place where the light focused directly on him; he was ordered to stop and face the audience. He said nothing, but looked as if he were carved out of granite. The audience uttered not a word. Finally the order was given for him to leave the stage.

The next moment another appeared and followed the same procedure as the fellow before him, and so it went until all the men had made their appearance. After the last one had left the stage the bright lights were dimmed and the room lights came on as an officer stepped before the group and asked if it recog-

nized any of them. "Yes," said one of the men, "I did, it was number three." The person sitting next to him agreed with his judgment, and soon the line-up was over and the fellow who was third in the line-up was returned to the room on the second floor for further interrogation. There he was confronted with the positive identification of the witnesses and soon admitted the crime and revealed all.

This is a story, but it could come from the pages of many court annals. Today many of our teen-agers are finding themselves in the line-up of our police headquarters. With the increase in the crime rate we find that this is becoming a more and more frequent sight around our nation. More and more young and old find that they are breaking the law of the land in hopes of getting away with it and more and more they are finding themselves standing in a room with the spotlights focused on them, not in a great performing act, but in a great indictment.



## The Danger

The crowd or mob as it is often called is a reality in our everyday life. "Follow the crowd!" We hear teen-agers say "I dare you to break into old \_\_\_\_\_'s home," and simply to show the crowd he isn't "chicken" he will do it, and then find himself in the line-up and his buddies no where to be found. Young people must be constantly aware of these dangers and hence must select and choose their friends wisely. There is a possibility that one of us may be a part of that line-up simply because we may let the bars down just once. Once is one time too often. Let this topic be a warning to us of the danger of the line-up. Let us be aware of the danger and its possibilities of becoming a problem for us, and then let us look at some measures that can effectively fight this whole problem.

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## Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service  
Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1,9,10  
Song Service: *Onward Christian Soldiers; America;* and other favorites  
Prayer: Use sentence prayers  
Scripture: Romans 13:1-14  
Special Music  
Announcements  
Offering and Offertory Prayer  
Hymn: *Open My Eyes That I May See*  
Topic Presentation  
Topic Discussion  
Hymn: *Lead on, O King Eternal*  
Mizpah Benediction



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### Response

What are some of the factors involved in this matter of the line-up? First we must look at the moral standards we need in order to have a wholesome life. If we would review the life of a person found in the line-up we would often find a life of loose living and carelessness. A word to describe this is *SIN*. (You should here engage in a discussion of sin, and strive to bring into the discussion some concrete situations where this breaks down one's moral code.) It is shocking to note from leading national magazines the number of students who cheat in school, and flaunt the rules and regulations of school systems. If this is what happens in the formal classroom situation what happens in the other areas of their life?

A subject on nearly every teen-agers lips is sex. The movies, television, paperback books, and the corner store have contributed to the popularity and distortion of this area of life. It seems that our society has bent over backwards to relate itself to this issue, and in doing so we see more sex offenses and greater perversion than ever before. One need not elaborate on this subject for we are all aware of the facts, but we must be conscious of the facts and aware of the dangers of being caught in the snare and trapped in the clutches of these evil perversions of the right use of sex.

Our moral standards will be affirmed in our conduct. How do we act? What is our regard for the rules and regulations our community has set, our parents have established, and what we know in our heart to be right and wrong? Our conduct says more than any testimony we may ever give. This is why it is so important for the Christian to be on guard. Paul speaks of it as being aware of the dangers and pitfalls around us. (As you discuss the matter of conduct be sure to mention areas in which what you do has greater impact than what you say. Use these to illustrate this point.) Our conduct will either be a help, or the fact which will place us in the line-up. Let our conduct become loose and careless, and we will find ourselves number one prospects for the line-up.

Our moral code and our conduct are two very important factors in our staying out of the line-up, but just as important is the matter of the kinds of friends we have. We all know people who have a name, a certain kind of stigma attached to them because of the kinds of friends they keep. It has been said that "your friends will either make you

### Questions for Discussion

1. How can the Christian faith help youth stay out of the line-up?
2. How can you and the society help youth who have gotten into the line-up?
3. How do attitudes influence behavior? Cite examples.
4. Can cheating and lying be the beginning of delinquency?

or break you." We must ask ourselves what kind of friends we have? Why do we have the kind of friends we have? What is the value of having friends. Friends are necessary in life and can be very helpful and be a great blessing, but they can also cause great sorrow and lead us to the front row of the line-up.

There was a teen-ager who thought life to be a bit boring and so left the circle of companions he had in search of a group who could give life some "spark," and "enthusiasm." He was taken in by a group who had the outlook on life which he desired. Basically he knew better, but wanting a "good time" he went with the crowd and let his moral standards down. Soon his conduct told of his declining moral standards. In a year's time he found himself in the line-up before the judge's bar. He found his "kick" in life, even though it was short lived. It was speedily acquired, all because he found the wrong crowd. We must encourage other young people to pick their friends carefully and maintain a high standard of living for ourselves as well as for our friends.

### Guides

A physical factor in keeping us out of the line-up is the law enforcement program. It is there for our protection and to care for our rights. So often we hear a law officer called all sorts of names, most of them disrespectful to him and his occupation. All too often we as citizens have a chip on our shoulders; we think we know it all and are always right. Let us remember, we are all human, each has a job to perform, and no one is perfect. Hence, we should look to law enforcement with respect, as sort of a rule for instruction and guidance. The law officer is there to maintain these rules and regulations, to keep this from becoming a mockery and giving the law respect and dignity. We must look carefully at our own attitude toward the law and its enforcers. Then we need to ask ourselves why we feel the way we do about it. (Call for group discussion at this point.)

### Conclusion

After citing all this information we still faced with the reality of line-up. Now we must ask what are we going to do about it? In order to answer the question it is necessary to understand the whole problem, so therefore, would be profitable to have us dig in this issue through discussion.

With the background we have what effects do we see that television has on us as teen-agers striving to stay out of the line-up, or being part of the line-up? (Areas of interest for further discussion might be the effect of the environment, heredity, and social pressures as causes of crime. Look also, how they influence life and attitude toward life.)

### Suggestions for Closing

Close the meeting on a positive note stressing the influence the church, home, community, and your own Christian Endeavor society can have on helping and leading youth to be strong upright citizens. Be concrete in your suggestions. In looking at this problem and area of discussion, make sure the group is aware of the dangers, then see if the members want to do something to correct them. This all means that here is an area of action, something must be done and can be done. The church can make known the dangers of the line-up through preaching, teaching, and directing; but it cannot stop here, there must be action. What can, and what will your group do?

To what is your life dedicated? What is your motivating force? Your center of life should be in Jesus Christ. If you find life dull and uninteresting why not actively engage in Christ's great commission of going forth to serve. You may be able to minister to those who find themselves in the line-up. Pray for God's guidance so that you may be an asset rather than a debit in your earthly mission.

### Daily Bible Readings

M. June 15	Resist Evil	James 4:7
T. June 16	Set Your Affection on Things Above	Colossians 3:1
W. June 17	Keep Sacred His Temple	I Corinthians 3:16
T. June 18	Avoid Evil Companions	II Corinthians 6:14
F. June 19	Beware of the Works of the Flesh	Galatians 5:19
S. June 20	The Destiny of the Wicked	Revelation 21:8
Sun. June 21	Topic: Stay Out of "the Line-Up"	Romans 13:1

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Crime and Law Enforcement

# A Nation Dependent upon God

Jeremiah 7:1-7



## Guide to the Leader

This topic can take on many aspects. For any it can be a day of emphasis on God's blessings to our Country. Arrange your program to fit your need! Strive to make it interesting, and give it the festive air, do it with a bang! You can divide the topic between three speakers, or you can use that material there is and then engage in a discussion in the whole area of patriotism. It might also be interesting to share together what life is like under governments which have no regard for God. Another possibility is to ask the group if they feel that is really important in the whole area of political and economic life. Then too, what if any effect does national righteousness have on crime rates, law enforcement, and other attitudes of people to the civic life of life. Have one of your group do a little research on this and report back.

## Guide to the Church Activity Committee

This entire topic is related to the area of Christian Citizenship and one should be made aware of his responsibility to the community leaders as well as to the highest officers in government. Now it is easily understood that we can't do everything, and when we think of the task we are often frightened by its size. But let us try to think of what we as individuals and a society can do first in our local situation, then broadening out to larger areas of interest.

One such project is to compose a letter to one of our statesmen expressing appreciation and encouragement for his Christian witness and action. Then have the entire group sign it, or otherwise have individuals write what they feel should be said and emphasized in matters of government.

Another possibility would be to encourage folk in your church and/or community to get out and vote. Also your group could sponsor a speaker, maybe even on the fourth of July to have someone speak on the theme "A Nation Dependent upon God."

## Guides for Topic Leader

### Biblical Setting

This is a memorable Sunday in the story of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada as we find it is known as Independence Sunday and Dominion Sunday. When we recall God's acts in the affairs of men we must stand in humility and awe at God's direction and guidance throughout history. We must constantly be aware of our responsibility to God and to our nation.

The foundation for this concept comes to us from Biblical history itself. (Review as time permits the wonderful history of God's people as recorded in the Old Testament.) Two highlights should be stressed, the first is the Egyptian captivity and the other the Babylonian captivity. In both of these historic captivities we see God's people suffering for their disobedience of God, and we get a good picture of human nature.

When Moses was called of God to lead the people out of Egypt he hesitated and tried to beg off. Then as the people were making their way through the wilderness they balked and complained against God and Moses, never content with their lot, never submissive to their Divine direction and leading. They felt they did not have to be dependent on God.

The most vivid illustration of God's punishment for disobedience is found in the Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah was God's spokesman in the midst of it. (To illumine your understanding read some of the minor prophets such as Micah, Habakkuk and Haggai.) Through His Servants God warned His people of coming destruction if they continued to disobey His commandments. But the people paid no heed and soon found

themselves engaged in a great war with the Babylonians even to the destruction of the city of Jerusalem, and the carrying away of the people into captivity.

When one reviews the return from captivity as portrayed by Ezra and Nehemiah we see the leading of God and the slowness of His people. The Scripture for today's topic speaks to the problem of dependence upon God and the admonition He gives us for living as He teaches us to live. The cry comes from the prophet of old even to our generation "Amend your ways and your doings" (Jeremiah 7:3).

### Historical Setting

Down through history from the beginning of time there have been conflicts between men and nations. Some of these conflicts have flared into war between nations. If we would survey the causes and backgrounds of these conflicts we would find moral decay, and behind moral decay a disregard for God. In our history courses we have studied the Roman civilization with its flowering existence and slow, but sure, decline, until the glory of the era of Rome died as the sun fades in the west. Gone, only to be remembered in the pages of the world history book. A disregard for the Spiritual was a real factor in their losing of power and prestige and finally their freedom.

As we move through history we see men and nations who have openly said there is no God and have gone forth to conquer and win the world single handed. Men like Adolf Hitler, in Germany, and Benito Mussolini in Italy, tried to ignore the rights of men, and the Sovereignty of God, going their own way running over men in order to conquer the world. After long years of fighting and the loss of many lives, they were subdued and laid low. After conflicts

### Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service  
Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Hymns: *God of Our Fathers; My Country 'Tis of Thee*  
Poem: Use a patriotic poem  
Hymn: *America the Beautiful*  
Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 7:1-7  
Special Music  
Prayer  
Offertory and Offertory Prayer  
Announcements  
Topic: A Nation Dependent upon God  
Closing Hymn: *Abide with Me*  
Benediction

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such as these the question "why" is asked; the answer often can be found in that they disregard God, and so all suffered.

Today we often hear questions concerning Russia and what will happen. God has His own purpose in all of life and it is not ours to fully understand the "whys" and the "wherefores" of life. But we can be certain of this, God's cause will triumph in the end. But we must make certain we are on God's side, and then have regard for Him and live for Him. A question we might discuss is: where does this leave our great country in this century?

### Present Setting

From the Biblical setting and historical situation, we find great necessity for dependence on God, first of all for guidance. Since last July the United States and the world have lost a great president in the person of John F. Kennedy. It was at the time of his death that men and women around the globe sought God for guidance and plead for His presence in the life of Mrs. Kennedy, her family, and the nation. That phase in history is past—crises have come and gone, yet the world stands and time moves on. In all of these situations we must seek God's guidance for the leaders of the world, and pray that God may always guide and direct, whether it be in the time of prosperity or depression.

Then, too, we must seek God's blessing. Dependence on Him brings blessing. The Psalmist realized this and wanted to share it with us when he says, "Yea, though, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). The blessing of the Lord is comfort, and in all of our national as well as our personal life we need to see the blessing of depending on the Lord. We can pray that the blessing of the Lord may be ours, but also remember His blessing comes in varied and many ways, sometimes ways we least expect.

If we have sought for guidance and plead for the blessing of the Almighty

and do our level best to follow the commandments He has given us, then we shall find our ethical standards commendable rather than condemnable. The ethical standards of a person will often tell volumes of what the person is really like. So with a nation, the ethical standards will either tell the world that it is strong to the core or heading toward decay and destruction. The nations which have had a dependence on God have often been strong nations. They may not have conquered the world but at least they had peace and growth within their own boundaries.

### Present Action

*What can we do to make our nation more Christian? What can we do to make our nation more conscious of its dependence on God? What are some concrete projects we as Christian Endeavorers can engage in to assist people in realizing the problem and making them aware of paths of action?* (These questions need to be asked and the society should strive to answer them concretely.)

We are called on first of all to place our dependence in Christ. You can't impress anyone else with a person or product unless you are sold on him or it yourself. Are we sold on Christ, and what He has done for us? If so, are we then willing to share Him with others, and tell what this dependence on Him means to us? Then can we unify our fellow believers to rise up and do something? This is where we often fall down. But if we are convinced, then we should pick ourselves up and do something. What can be done? First of all encourage those eligible to vote to do so. And to vote intelligently, not just because a certain candidate has a nice smile, or is a fluent speaker but what does he or she stand for, does he have moral and ethical convictions. Then too, what are the candidates' religious convictions, this is most important. Also in this area is the question of Christians entering politics. As you look at vocations in life the area of politics stands wide open. How about a local office, or accepting a state job? What a wonderful opportunity for a Christian testimony in the area of policy making and legislation.

Another area where we can share our insights is in the area of personal participation in organizations which seek further the cause of Christ. The first of these we all think of is the Church, and then we shall take for granted. We all know the Church has many opportunities to share the Gospel message. Let us think of such organizations as the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, the Brotherhood movement, the local movement and societies which seek to do a job in today's complicated world. Christians need to be in these organizations to be witnesses and to share their insights and beliefs with others while also finding greater opportunity for service in the community and Church.

So often as we look at the areas of opportunity we become frightened and think the job too big. The top isn't the place to begin; it is at the bottom doing one small task at a time, and constantly keeping in mind why we are doing the job. Is it for Christ and the Church?

Something we all can do is pray. When was the last time you prayed for the head of your government? When was the last time you named your representative to the government body in prayer? A suggestion of how to make the nation more Christian would be to organize a prayer circle and pray for leaders. This means we must be aware of what is going on in government and also know who we elect to serve us in government. Then as we pray we should be specific—name names, list problems. We should also let our leaders know we are praying for them.

Along with prayer is encouragement. We should encourage Christian leaders in their task whether it be in the local school system or in the highest office in the country. We must stand behind good government having our dependence on God.

### Daily Bible Readings

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| M. June 22   | Except God Keep the City           | Psalm 127     |
| T. June 23   | A Polluted Nation                  | Jeremiah 7:8  |
| W. June 24   | God's Wrath on a Wicked Nation     | Jeremiah 7:17 |
| T. June 25   | Good Stewardship Rewards           | Malachi 3:8   |
| F. June 26   | A Blessed Nation                   | Psalm 33:8    |
| S. June 27   | Jesus Respects His Nation          | Matthew 22:15 |
| Sun. June 28 | Topic: A Nation Dependent upon God | Jeremiah 7:1  |

### Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program

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# Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

## Topic Summaries for June

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

### Personality Problems (two topics)

#### Who Do You Think You Are?

*Genesis 32:24-27; Proverbs 23:7a*

Our ability to accept ourselves with our limitations is one key to happy living. One of us refuse to take a look at ourselves and refuse to see ourselves as we are. In Genesis Jacob encounters a man who wrestles with him and the wrestler says Jacob, "What is thy name?" and he answers, "Jacob." This seems to be the turning point in the life of Jacob. It may be that at this point Jacob had to take a look at himself to see who he really was. To see ourselves as we are and to accept the claim God has on our lives may well lead us to a better understanding of ourselves. True, it may be a self-dislike, but we can attempt to better ourselves by the grace and love of God.

#### What Do You Think You're Doing?

*Corinthians 13; John 1:1-12*

We hide behind the ideas that "I meant well," or "I did it for your own good," as an excuse for our impolite, crude behaviour as we live with those around us. We judge, we order, we upset, we fight, and claim to be doing the will of God. In making decisions about the things we do which concern others, ask these three questions: Does the Bible say anything specific about this action? Will this in any way hinder my Christian growth? Will it in any way hinder others in their Christian growth? Often times we do things to preserve our own personality and to save our own hurt. How can we know we are being honest about our reasons as we justify our relationships with others?

### Foundations of Democracy (two topics)

#### Truths of Democracy

*Psalms 33:13-16; Matthew 20:25-28*

Developing a democratic form of government was a great experiment in the nineteenth century, as indeed it has been throughout the intervening centuries. The

second paragraph of the United States Declaration of Independence begins, "We hold these truths to be self-evident." Then follows a listing of these truths. They are: "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Carefully study the above statements. Canadians will also wish to study corresponding principles of the Dominion. Determine why each of these rights is necessary for democracy to exist. What does it mean when it says "all men are created equal"? Do we live as though we believed this? How do these truths apply today?

#### 2. Democracy at Work

*Matthew 22:17-22; Romans 13:1-8*

Democracy is workable only when citizens

are willing to allow Christian principles of action to give guidance to their lives. Where greed, envy, dishonesty, and jealousy enter relationships between citizens of a democracy, that democracy begins to break down. Democracy reaches its greatest heights and produces its best results when citizens share a mutual concern for each other. Government is necessary, but it is the result of the desire of the people to insure the rights and freedoms they love; it is never an end in itself. Have the group look deeply into everyday community life. Have them discuss ways in which the desires of the governed are expressed in the government. Have them list ways in which they can work for democracy in their everyday experiences. How can the group make democracy a working principle in its own neighborhood?

## Are We Listening?

IN Miami a Cuban refugee was charged with jay-walking. A middle-aged woman, she was protesting loudly in Spanish as traffic court convened. Fortunately the judge addressed her softly and politely in the same language. As she found a listener, she became calm; when the judge explained the offense to her, she nodded and smiled, cheerfully paying a \$5 fine.

The refugee told a court attendant in the unfamiliar English: "I find I can tell what I think. He listens. Then he tells me what the law says. I am glad to know, so I listen. O.K.!"

Listening is not so much a lost art as it is a skill that needs to be learned and practiced.

In industry the best foremen and managers are likely to be those who prove attentive and friendly to an employee who brings to them a suggestion or a complaint.

The skilled salesperson looks for some expression of interest and opinion that a customer provides. Keen listening, based on interest in and respect for the other person's point of view, will often help "close the sale."

In church leadership let us realize the value of two-way communication. Questions and suggestions will be invited, listened to, heeded. Try to recall what subjects, when outlined, seemed to call for further explanations. Next time you and I will be more nearly crystal clear in our proposals.

Discussion of religious truths and their application does not undermine convictions. One aim in the Christian endeavor is to improve in reason and judgment, so that we "prove all things [and] hold fast that which is good." When listening, agree when possible, disagree firmly but without temper.

Have you tried this? After listening to speaker or teacher, write a few sentences to recall the main points. Add your comments, or go beyond the speaker's message to set down further ideas that it suggested to you.

Such a practice aids listening. Also, it should help you and me when we speak. We can devote more thought to our own "main points," so that whatever ideas seem most important to us will be clearly and concisely expressed.

—B. H. D.

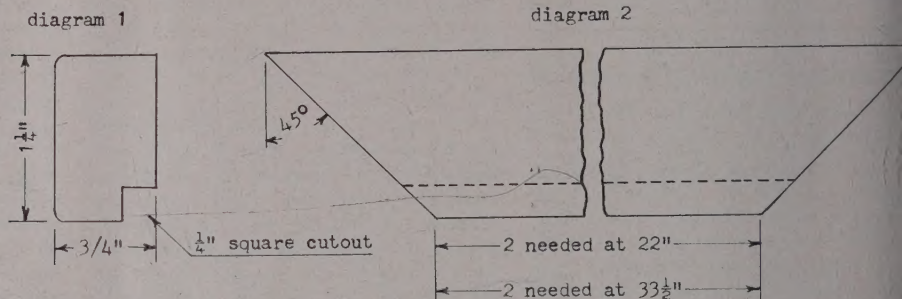


# HOW TO FRAME A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WALL PLEDGE

Prepared by Rev. Ray Zimmerman

Complete instructions for an attractive framed wall pledge easily prepared by the average "do-it-yourself" enthusiast

## FOLLOW THESE EASY DIRECTIONS

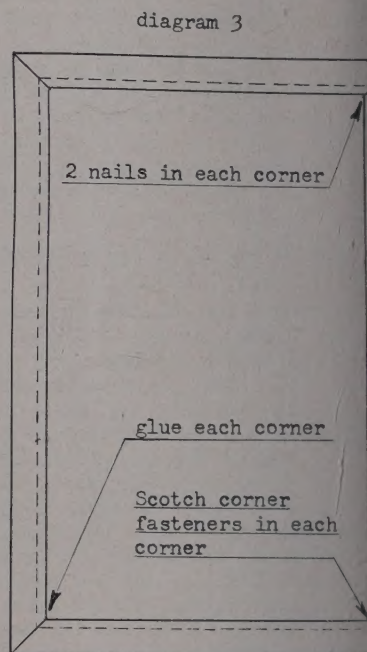


### Materials Needed

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| 1 Christian Endeavor Wall Pledge*                      | 1 small bottle of glue        |
| 2 pieces 3/4" x 1 1/4" x 24" pine lumber               | 1 dozen #6 finishing nails    |
| 2 pieces 3/4" x 1 1/4" x 36" pine lumber               | 4 #0 Scotch corner fasteners  |
| 1 piece non-tempered masonite 1/8" thick 22 1/2" x 34" | Small package wallpaper paste |
|  | 1 1/2 dozen glazing points    |

### Instructions

1. Round 4 pieces of pine lumber on two edges and cut out the third side (diagram 1).
2. Cut both ends of pine lumber on a 45 degree mitre; lengths are shown on diagram 2.
3. Place glue on mitre of each piece of lumber. Using the small nails fasten the 4 pieces of lumber together in the shape of a rectangle (diagram 3). Attach the corner fasteners.
4. Finish the wooden frame by painting or staining it to match the woodwork in your meeting room.
5. Remove the metal strip at the top and bottom of the wall pledge. Spread wallpaper paste on the smooth side of the masonite. Carefully place the pledge on the surface just pasted.
6. Use the glazing points to fasten the masonite, with the pledge pasted to it, in the frame.



\* Christian Endeavor Wall Pledges size 22" x 34" are available at \$2.25 each from Christian Endeavor Headquarters for the Junior Pledge and for pledge forms #2, #3, and #4. Matching pledge cards are 35c a dozen, \$2.50 per hundred.

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